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REDS PUSH TOWARD HANKOW

Lin Piao's Army Roll Into Hupeh Province ULTIMATUM DENIED

Nanking, April 7.
A National Defence Ministry communique today said General Lin Piao's Manchurian Communist troops are rolling into Hupeh Province towards Hankow while 25 miles East of Nanking other Communists were reported to have smashed into the strategic river port of Yicheng.

Intensification of the Communist attacks was believed to be timed to back up their demands in the negotiations in Peiping.

General Lin Piao's forces were reported to have entered Hupeh, which is the only Nationalist held province North of the Yangtze River. The communique said they captured Wushengkuang and Kuanshui, both inside the Hupeh border.

Wushengkuang and Kuanshui are 80 and 68 miles North of Hankow guarding the North-east approaches to the river port.

The communique added that these Communist forces, continuing their drive Southward in the direction of Hankow along the Peiping-Hankow railway.

It also reported that other units of General Lin Piao's forces stationed at Anxung, 355 miles North of Hankow, had been moving Southward as reinforcements for the advance forces.

Latest despatches today said the Communist forces, which had smashed into the river port of Yicheng, 25 miles East of Nanking, outnumbered the Nationalist garrison was concentrated in the Southern part of the port under cover of naval guns. Loss of the port, which is now said to be a question of time, would be a heavy blow to the Nationalists.

Ultimatum Denied

Meanwhile, an official spokesman of the Nationalist Government denied today the reports that the Chinese Communists

Desertion Near Canton

Canton, April 7.

An infantry contingent estimated to number between 400 to 500 troops, deserted from the 196th Division during night field manoeuvres near Shekcheng, near Canton early this week, it was reported today.

General Huang Han Heng, Vice-Commander of the Peiping Preservation Corps, said the deserters were heading for Chungshan District to join rebel units there.

The troops were part of army units assigned to the defence of Canton—United Press.

Desertion

discussing peace with the Nationalist delegation in Peiping, had delivered an ultimatum, virtually demanding a Nationalist surrender.

The spokesman described as "groundless" the report that the Communists were demanding

that a joint commission be set up by Saturday to supervise the transfer of the Nationalist armies to the Communist command.

He also said that the report was wrong, that as a result of the ultimatum, Acting-President Li Tsung-jen had advised the Western diplomats that the Reds would begin crossing the Yangtze river within 10 days.

However, the Peiping Communist Radio heard here last night demanded the "complete surrender" of the Kuomintang armies as a prerequisite to the achievement of peace.

The only outlet for news about the negotiations, now under way in Peiping for the cessation of the Chinese civil war, the Radio, in a broadcast which was apparently in continuation of its war of nerves, said:

"In the past we had demanded a peace settlement on Mr. Mao Tse-tung's terms. The Kuomintang have rejected it. Now we allow the Kuomintang to talk peace on the eight terms and they want an honourable settlement on equal terms.

"There is only one way to peace and that is complete surrender to the people."

The Radio dismissed the possibility of a compromise. On this point it declared, "there is no room for compromise."

On the question of surrender—which some quarters believe is now being demanded in Peiping—the Radio had this to say: "Surrender is beneficial to the people and the country."

They went on to declare: "We are giving you a last chance to render meritorious services to redeem your guilt."

Reports Persist

Well-informed sources told the United Press today that the Communists have formally asked the Nationalists for unconditional surrender and demanded a yes or no answer by April 12.

He said the Communists proposed and the government accepted the holding of formal talks on April 9. Their purpose, however, was for the Nationalists to give a yes or no answer to their conditional surrender terms, the sources said.

The sources declined to reveal the nature of the terms, but described them as shockingly sweeping and drastic and beyond the scope of the original eight Communist peace conditions announced by the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung early in January.

The Communists, according to the same sources, punctuated their unconditional surrender demand with a threat of immediate all-out offensive to turn the government's Yangtze River defence line and roll Southward to envelop the entire country.

The sources said the Communists also sugar-coated their demand with an option to local Nationalist authorities to arrange regional peace.

Premier Still In Canton

Premier Ho Ying-chin is expected to hurry back to Nanking tomorrow for emergency top-level meetings with Acting President Li Tsung-jen on the drastic Communist demand for unconditional surrender.

Asked whether he considered Hong Kong defensible, he said that he preferred not to answer. "I simply don't know the facts," he added.

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Eden Barbecue



Anthony Eden (nearest camera), Deputy leader of the British Conservative Party, lends a hand at an open-air grill at the Vice Regal residence at Marble Hill, Adelaide, South Australia. He is helping Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Wiltoughby Norrie (left), Governor of South Australia, and Thomas Playford (centre), Prime Minister of South Australia. The barbecue was arranged in Mr. Eden's honour.—Associated Press photo.

Mr. Fletcher Thinks Colony In Danger

Hong Kong today is more important than Singapore and the Federation of Malaya to Britain, but is in a position of considerable danger.

Mr. Walter Fletcher, MP for Bury, Lancashire, in an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday described the Colony as a delectable fruit watched by jealous eyes.

Before the war, the Conservative member pointed out, Malaya was a land of peace, prosperity and stability without the present racial tensions. Today that prosperity is gone, the country's economic future is doubtful and racial tension is high. These circumstances have boosted Hong Kong's importance, Mr. Fletcher said.

Asked about the importance of Malaya rubber to Britain's economy, he expressed the opinion that the new "synthetic rubber" developed during the war would eventually replace natural rubber in many fields.

Mr. Fletcher spoke authoritatively, for he has personal interests in Malaya's rubber industry. He described himself as a "rubber merchant" and said that he was engaged in shipping and grading rubber, chiefly Malaya-produced in Singapore.

Singapore's loss has been Hong Kong's gain, the Member of Parliament declared.

"Hong Kong has increased in importance since my last visit (in January, 1947), in world affairs, financially and economically. It has in part taken the place of Singapore as a centre of stability and prosperity. It has tackled the problem of absorbing nearly one million new inhabitants on the mainland and has, as good a standard of social services and amenities as possible."

"There is an invigorating air of enterprise and energy directed into useful channels," he continued, adding the warning:

"But don't forget that the measure of your success is the measure of your danger. Jealous eyes and greedy hands would like to pluck this delectable fruit."

Mr. Fletcher would not express any opinion on the steps taken and being taken for Hong Kong's defence. He suggested, however, that something should be done about the proposed new airport as soon as possible.

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Labourites Concede Loss Of 25 Seats

London, April 7.

The Labour Party conceded a net loss of 25 county council seats in returns from 21 of the 61 county elections presently taking place in England.

The party secretary said Labour candidates were defeated in 74 elections but won 49 seats from Conservatives and Independents.

The Conservatives' report last night showed a gain of 55 seats. They said they lost 52 seats and won 47, including 42 from Labour candidates.—Associated Press.

Labourites Face Revolt Over Budget

London, April 7.

Britain's Labour government in sponsoring the most unpopular budget in modern times, is today faced with a serious rebellion within its own ranks.

Sir Stafford Cripps, dubbed the "Iron Chancellor," was undeterred by the loud cries of anguish from his own backbenchers and pressed his plan for another year of austerity which promises the average man little except higher living costs.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer confronted his critics at a private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party. Advance word was that he would tell the rebels curly to face facts and repeat his warning to the House of Commons, "We can't have our cake and eat it too."

Most of the Cabinet was present for the party meeting which began in a somewhat tense atmosphere and was expected to be a party inquest over a budget that angered and dismayed many of Sir Stafford's own Cabinet colleagues within the party.

This afternoon a full dress Commons debate on the budget will start. There will be a lot of loud protests but there was little question the government would get the necessary majority in the final vote.—United Press.

Constable

About 10.45 p.m. last night, at Ali Kung Ngam, near the Shaukiwan Station, a police constable attached to the station was attacked by seven men.

He was stabbed several times, and was seriously injured. He managed to draw his pistol and fired a few shots at his attackers.

Later, he staggered back to the station and was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital. His condition was reported to be critical.

Six suspects were arrested. Police officers from several stations and the emergency units were summoned after the accident. Up to 1.30 a.m. this morning, police parties were still out searching for suspects.

HK Chinese Merchants

Speakers gave instances of food and provisions as well as other goods requisitioned by the authorities both before and during the attack on Hong Kong, where they were still totally in the dark whether they would ever be paid.

Shipping interests, whose losses were estimated at HK\$2,000,000, 000, were believed to be among the greatest sufferers.

A representative of the fisheries section told the meeting that all requisitions of fresh fish before the war had since been paid for in full.

After some discussion it was decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung, that the whole matter should be referred to a special sub-committee for full investigation.

Pending the report of the sub-committee, representations to Government would be held in abeyance.

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EXPERT VIEWS HK'S INDUSTRIAL FUTURE

Quite a variety of industries, at present absent from the Colony, could be profitably and successfully introduced if the right sponsorship was found, while some already represented in a small way could be modernised to a surprising extent.

This was the opinion of Mr. H. E. Wadsworth, one of two experts sent out by the Manchester Cotton Board at the invitation of the local Government to make a factual survey of the Colony's textile industry.

"Besides having three great markets—China, South East Asia and the British Empire—Hong Kong has in addition capital, good government and a plentiful supply of some of the most dexterous labour in the world," said Mr. Wadsworth, speaking at the weekly luncheon of the Y's Men's Club at Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

With its shortage of cheap building land and its relatively high wages compared with China—and perhaps Japan—Hong Kong has met difficulties in the past in attracting new industries.

But while these obstacles exist, they can often be mitigated. Higher wages can often be offset by the use of improved machinery, more up-to-date production methods and a slightly better raw material.

Even if price differences still remain, they can often be overcome by advertised brands, by attention to styling, shape, colour, design, quality and finish—by superior packaging and methods of distribution.

"A free trade policy does mean, however, that your industries must be carefully chosen to suit local conditions. You cannot just protect them by raising a tariff. They must be tough enough to meet all corners of equal terms."

"Many Chinese products carry traditional designs of great beauty. But they are often stereotyped in form and colouring, and there is no attempt as we see in the American fountain pen and motor car to secure progressive change in design," Mr. Wadsworth declared.

"The fact that a particular industry does not exist at present should not deter you from investigating," he remarked. "A new industry with capital to equip it properly may succeed where a tenement handicraft has failed."

A previous investigator may have decided that Hong Kong was only a small island and not a worthwhile market. Actually Hong Kong has three great markets—China, South East Asia and the British Empire.

"In addition she has capital, brains, good government and a plentiful supply of some of the most dexterous labour in the world."

"I am quite sure that quite a variety of industries, at present absent from Hong Kong, could be profitably and successfully introduced if the right sponsorship was found, while some already represented in a small way could be modernised and improved to a surprising extent," Mr. Wadsworth asserted.

"The question of Hong Kong's industrial future raises a problem which is almost as old as China—the conflict between manufacturer and distribution, between production and commerce, between the worker and the trader."

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Eyewitness Account Of Chungking's Bombing

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

An eyewitness account of how the dissident Nationalist cruiser Chungking was bombed by Government B-24 Liberators in Chefoo Harbour was told by seamen aboard the Panamanian LST North Star which arrived from North China waters yesterday.

"Four Chinese Air Force four-engined aircraft attacked the former HMS Aurora for about 20 minutes, but not one bomb hit the cruiser which was then anchored in the Outer Chefoo Harbour," the Chinese seamen recalled when interviewed aboard the freighter on their arrival.

Anti-aircraft fire from the Chungking and a Communist gunboat apparently kept the attacking Government planes at a high altitude, they declared, "but no damage was inflicted on either side."

The Chungking, which deserted her station at the mouth of the Yangtze on February 26 and headed for North China waters, reached Chefoo on February 27. A lone Government reconnaissance plane flew over the Red-occupied port of Shantung on March 1 and circled for about 20 minutes over the Chungking which was then anchored in the Inner Harbour.

The officers of the cruiser apparently became apprehensive and the ship slipped away from her pier that night to anchor in the Outer Harbour.

Four-Engined Planes

On the following morning, four four-engined Government planes, which the informants believed to be B-24 Liberators, came from the South and were greeted by anti-aircraft fire from the Chungking.

The planes circled over the harbour for quite some time before they eventually attacked the cruiser.

A Communist gunboat rushed to the Chungking and also fired at the planes, which were flying at a high altitude.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG

ST. GEORGE'S DAY 1949

The Committee have made the following arrangements for the Society's celebrations in connection with the above:-

On Saturday, 23rd April. A wreath will be laid at the Cenotaph at 9 a.m.

On Friday, 22nd April. The British Film "Spring Song" will be shown at the Lee Theatre preceded by a Concert by the Band of the 1st Battalion of The Buffs at 9.30 p.m.

Members who have not received a circular with regard to the above should apply at the Secretaries' Office, Exchange Building. The Committee regrets that it has been found impracticable to make the necessary arrangements for the light refreshments and drinks referred to in this circular.

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Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Messrs. P.E. Derby, P. Rykens, H. Delphin, P. Kola Reddy, D.P. Khosla, S.S. Whang, J.A. Pennell, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilbur, and Mrs. E.L.C. Wilson.

Arrivals from Canton by the ss. Fastan yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Bollback, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. von Stein, Messrs. Charles Lee, G.F. Trell, Fran J. Millanow, John K. Cochran, Lieutenant Colonel W.H. Sawyer, Mr. Vera C. Durham, and Sisters Tharcilus and St. M. Ernest.

Messrs. R.P. de Lousa, R. de Marjorie, Leche, Max, Edgar Lehmann, James L. Jen, and Leung Chiu-see left Hong Kong for Saigon by Air France on Wednesday.

Arrivals from Saigon on Wednesday by Air France included Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, Messrs. B. Belsler, Doug Hong, M. Lonne and M. Cursey.

Mr. Yui Ku, leading Chinese playwright, left China for the United States to assist in the English dubbing of the Chinese film "Sorrows of the Forbidden City," a Yung Hwa Studio production.

Mr. K.Z. Loh, General Secretary of the Chinese YMCA at Shanghai, has returned to China from an inspection trip to the United States. He also visited Europe.

Mr. E. Clemo left for Swatow yesterday by the ss. Tsalan.

Mr. Walter Fletcher, visiting Member of Parliament, will broadcast in Radio Hong Kong's Saturday Round-Up tomorrow at 8.15 p.m. The Conservative Member for Bury will speak on the changes he has noticed since he was here two and a half years ago.

In the same feature, a doctor will discuss cholera as it might affect Hong Kong.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Orders by Mr. A. J. Arculli, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, dated April 8 follow:- Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: April 10 to 19, Wanchai "B" Division. Ambulance Duties Kowloon: April 11 to 17, Shamshuipo Division. Football Match Duties: Saturday 9, Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m., RCA Division; Sunday 13, Sh. Nam Division; Navy Ground 4.30 p.m., Wanchai "B" Division; HKFC Ground 1.30 p.m., Caroline Division; Sunday 19, Shamshuipo Division. Vaccination Duties, Railway Station: April 7, Wanchai "A" Division; 8, Wanchai "B" Division; 9, Motor Transport Division; 10, Caroline Division; 11, Eastern Division; 12, Mongkok Division; 13, Shamshuipo Division; 14, Tsimshatui Division; 15, Kowloon Division; 16, KYMCA Division; 17, Kowloon Division. Notices: On Thursday, April 14, at 6.30 p.m., Dr. T.H. Tang will be at the Tsimshatui Health Centre, Nathan Road, for the purpose of examining Vaccinators. Div. Super. will receive a list of members to report and will ensure that those detailed will report.

Death By Suicide -- Inquest Verdict

Early at dawn one February day, a man was found hanging from his neck by a piece of rope fastened to a branch of a tree in a village in the New Territories. The only witness to this tragic incident were the quiet hills surrounding the scene.

The man was identified as Tang Fei, aged 47. The inquest into his death yesterday at which Mr. Blair-Kerr sat as coroner, unfolded a tale of a secret, illicit love and its sad consequences.

At the end of the inquiry conducted by Sub-Inspector Lewis for the Police, Mr. Blair-

Reminders

Today
Gramophone Recital by Music Group of Sino-British Club, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.
Social Morning, Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.
Crown Land Auction of New Territories Lots.
Office Kowloon Magistracy Building, 11 a.m.
Debate on "This House regards Filial Piety As Harmful" sponsored by the Sino-British Club, Cosmo Club, 5.30 p.m.
Presentation of Prizes at King George V School, 11 a.m.
Old Marlburian Club dinner, HK Club.
Rotary Club annual charity ball, The Gripps, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.
Festival Competition by HK Schools Musical Association, at Diocesan Girls School, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
A gramophone recital will be given at 8.45 p.m. today by the Sino-British Club Gramophone Group at the European YMCA, sponsored by a talk by Mr. A.R. Reid. The programme will be as follows: Fingal's Cave or Hebridean Overture (Macdowell).
Den Junn (Stravinsky).
Dance Music (Saint-Saens).
Finlandia (Sibelius).
Symphony No. 6 (Pastoral) (Beethoven).

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Festival Competition by HK Schools Musical Association, at Diocesan Girls School, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
League Soccer matches.

SUNDAY
Classical Concert, Tse H. Club, Fable House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, Sketching Party, members assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.
HK Light Orchestra Promenade Concert, The Gripps, HK Hotel, 9 p.m.
Talk on "Architecture and Town Planning" by Mr. J. T. Malloy, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
American Tennis Tournaments, European YMCA.
MONDAY
HK and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.
What Drive, European YMCA, Combined Royal Marine Orchestra Concert, China Fleet Club, 9.15 p.m.
TUESDAY
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Union Waterfront Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Doodwell and Co's office, HK Bank Building, 11 a.m.
The Hong Kong Light Orchestra will give a concert at 9 p.m. on Sunday at The Hong Kong Gripps in aid of the Cathedral Funds.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Municipal Council

Sir,—I would like to proffer to you my congratulations on your public spirited action in publishing today the helpful précis of the despatches passed between Sir Mark Young and Mr. Cress Jones on the subject of the proposed Municipal Council for Hong Kong.

Your initiative will enable those of us interested in the spread of democratic government to this colony to compare the municipal reform scheme with that being proposed by the Reform Club and others, for the reform of the Legislature.

I am sure that, in suggesting that the Press should republish those despatches, H. E. the Governor had hoped that the public would react, and give him the lead he seeks.

May I suggest that you invite prominent residents of the Colony, of all races, to state their personal views in your columns—a practice which would allow each carefully to study the opinions of others, which is so difficult during the short periods available to each speaker at public meetings. Start by summarising the Legislative Council reform plan, and then throw your columns open to a good debate.

E. B. BRASIER-CREAGH.

Pen Friends Wanted

Sir,—My sister and I were wondering if you would help us find pen friends. We are very keen on writing letters and would like to hear from someone outside our own country. Would like their ages between 25 and 30.

I am a hairdresser, age 25, name and address: Miss Billie Wightman, 49, Ohio Street, Armidale, N.S.W., Australia. My sister's name: Miss Isabel Wightman (27) same address. I would be very pleased if you could help us. **BILLIE WIGHTMAN.**

BOY CYCLIST FINED

A school boy failing to ride his bicycle on the left side of the road was fined \$10 by Mr. A.D. Scholes at Kowloon juvenile court yesterday.

Three teen-agers were cautioned and discharged by Mr. A.D. Scholes at Kowloon Juvenile Court yesterday for possessing dutiable Chinese liquor.

MAN SUMMONED FOR BARKING DOG

When a dog barks annoyingly in the small hours of the morning, its master is obliged to answer a court summons and pay a fine. This happened to Lai Keng-shuen of 679 Nathan Road. Lai was fined \$10 by Mr. A.D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

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Latest date and time of acceptance of tenders is 1200 hrs 13 April, '49.

SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P.W.D. Headquarters on Monday, the 11th day of April 1949 at 3.30 p.m.

The area which comprises 64,720 square feet is the former Peak Hotel Site immediately adjacent to the Upper Peak Tram Terminus and is suitable for the erection of an Hotel or Block of Flats.

Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of 28th January, 1949 or from the Crown Lands and Survey Office.

V. KENNIFF
Director of Public Works.
January 18, 1941.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the regulations enacted under the Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance 1919 we are desirous of obtaining authority to construct and thereafter to open for the purpose of operating thereon an amusement park on a vacant land being a part of Remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 430 abutting on King's Road consisting of an area of approximately 175,000 square feet.

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Hong Kong April 8th, 1949.



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DINNER DANCE,
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22nd April, 1949.

Members are reminded of the above function. A limited number of tickets are still obtainable at \$20.00 per head (inclusive of cocktails), from the Hon. Treasurer Mr. J. Frazer c/o W. S. Bailey & Co. Ltd., (Tele. 58021) KOWLOON.

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THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday the 11th day of April, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

- To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
- To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1948.
- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 28th March, 1949 to the 11th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

NOTICE

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor on Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1949 at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to the 14th day of April, 1949 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

NOTICE UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fortieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th April, 1949 to the 26th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

April 4, 1949.

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NOTICE

Mr. E. C. Van Helden has today been appointed Manager of this Company and is authorised to sign all documents connected with our commercial business.

MESSRS BLAIR & CO., LTD.

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947

and IN THE MATTER of Acquisitions Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that the abovenamed company has lost its Memorandum of Association and that it is proposed to adopt a new Memorandum of Association.

A copy of the proposed new Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the office of the Company at Prince's Building, third floor, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at any time during office hours.

Any person who objects to such proposed new Memorandum of Association should state briefly in writing the nature of the objections to such proposed new Memorandum of Association and should file the same with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, with the address for service within the Colony of the person objecting thereto not later than the 29th day of April, 1949.

Dated the 28th day of March, 1949.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER
Solicitors for Acquisitions Limited.

IN THE MATTER of the Companies (Reconstruction of Records) Ordinance, 1947

and IN THE MATTER of L. R. Nielson & Co., Limited.

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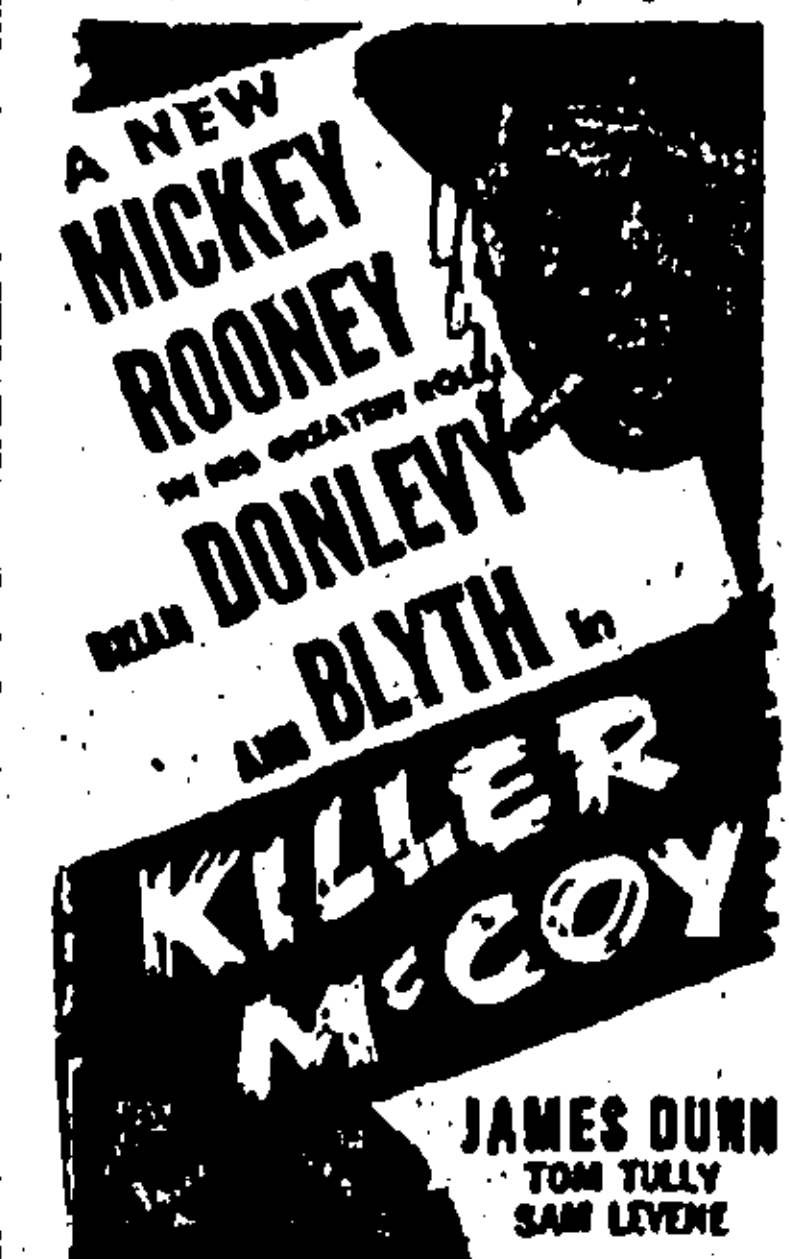
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THE TELEPHONE ORDINANCE, 1925.

Section 40. ARBITRATION.

The public hearing of an arbitration between the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Limited, of the one part and the Government of Hong Kong of the other part will commence on Wednesday, April 20, 1949, at 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the offices of the South China Morning Post, Nos. 1-3, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.

The following is a copy of the submission to arbitration—

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made the 24th day of March, One thousand nine hundred and forty nine BETWEEN THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED (hereinafter called "the Company") of the one part and THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT (hereinafter called "Government") of the other part.

WHEREAS the Company has under the provisions of Section 40 of the Telephone Ordinance, 1925, required from Government the revision of the rates of subscription set forth in the Schedule to the said Ordinance or for the time being in force.

AND WHEREAS the Company and Government have been unable to agree with regard to such revision and the Company has asked that the matter shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the said Section 40.

AND WHEREAS the Company has named as the arbitrator appointed by them Mr. John McNeill, Barrister-at-Law of Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, and Government has named as the arbitrator appointed by them Mr. P. D. A. Chiddell, A.C.A., both of whom have accepted the said appointments.

NOW it is hereby agreed as follows:—

1. The following question is hereby referred by Government to the award and final determination of the arbitrators:

Do the words "then existing charges for subscriptions" in the first and second lines of the second paragraph of the said Section 40 include all the rates, annual rates and charges set forth in the Schedule to the said Ordinance or which are for the time being in force, and if not, which if any, is excluded.

2. The following questions are hereby referred by the Company to the award and final determination of the arbitrators:

(a) Are the now existing charges for subscriptions in sufficient to make provision for the maintenance of an efficient service and for the payment for the time being of a dividend of 8% per annum on the paid-up capital for the time being of the Company.

(b) In the event of the answer of the Company's question set forth in paragraph (a) above, being yes, to what sum or sums should the said rates of subscriptions be increased to be in the opinion of the arbitrators adequate to provide for an efficient service and a dividend of 8% per annum on the paid-up capital for the time being of the Company.

3. The question put forward by Government under clause 1 of this Agreement shall be decided by the arbitrators as a preliminary question. After the arbitrators have decided the said preliminary question they shall proceed to decide the questions put forward by the Company in clause 2 of this Agreement.

4. There shall also be referred to the award and final determination of the arbitrators all other matters in difference between the parties arising out of or relating to Section 40 of the said Ordinance or the subject matter thereof or as to the rights, duties or liabilities of either of the parties in connexion with the said Section 40.

5. For the purposes of the arbitration the following matters are agreed:—

(a) The Company has given the Government the requisite 3 months' notice of the Company's requirement for a revision of the said rates of subscription.

(b) The said rates of subscription and other charges referred to in Section 40 were last revised by Government more than 2 years ago; that is to say in the Gazette of 9th February, 1946, the Company was authorised to impose, with effect from 1st September, 1945, rates of subscription and other charges as follows:—

- (1) \$15 per month (i.e. \$180 per annum) per exchange line where the former rate was \$117 per annum;
- (2) For all other charges an increase of 50% over those ruling on 8th December, 1941.

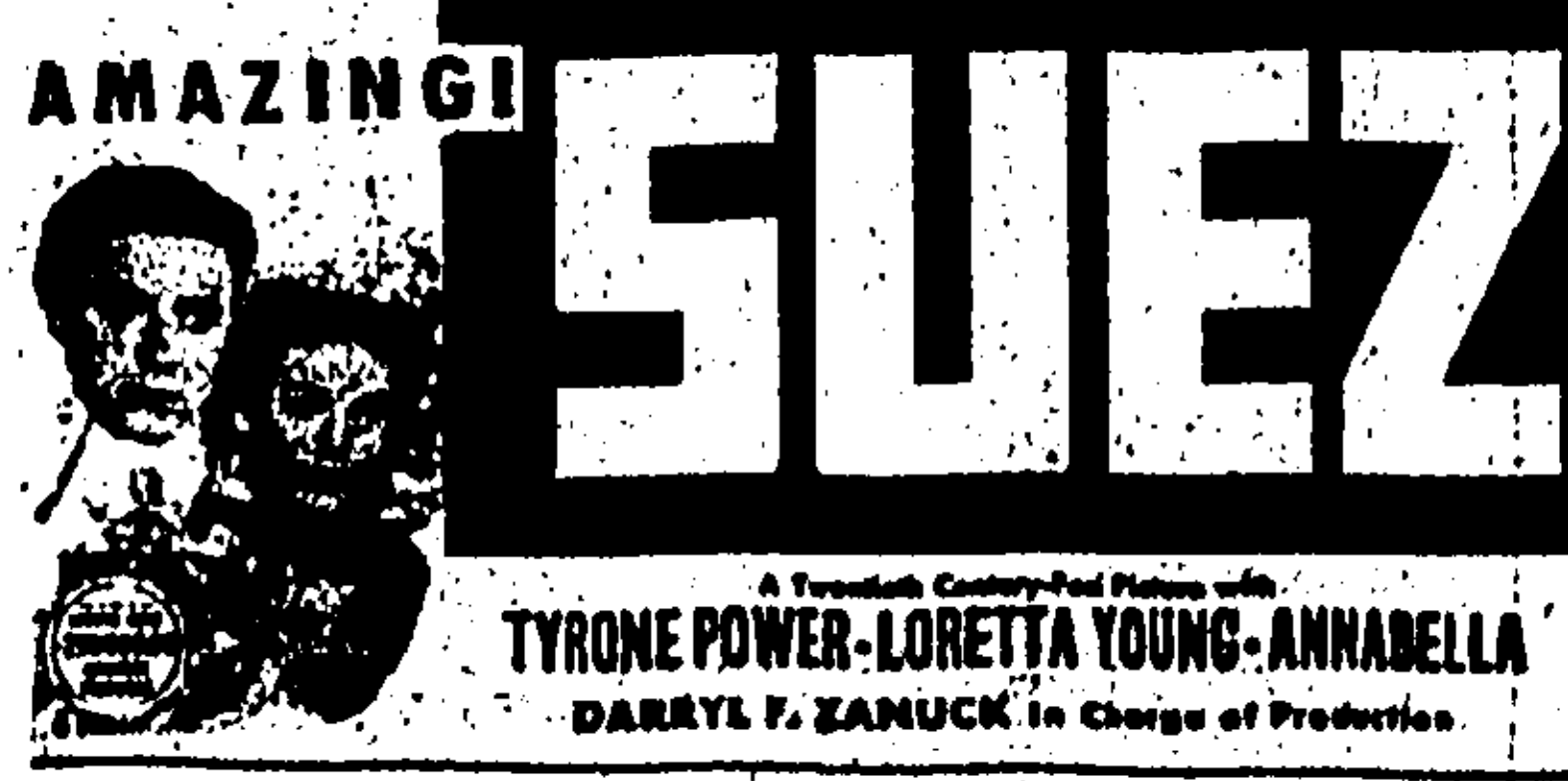
(c) The Company is maintaining an efficient service.

(d) The arbitration shall be held in public.

(Sgd) DEACONS, (Sgd) L. R. ANDREWES,
Solicitors for the Company. Crown Solicitor.



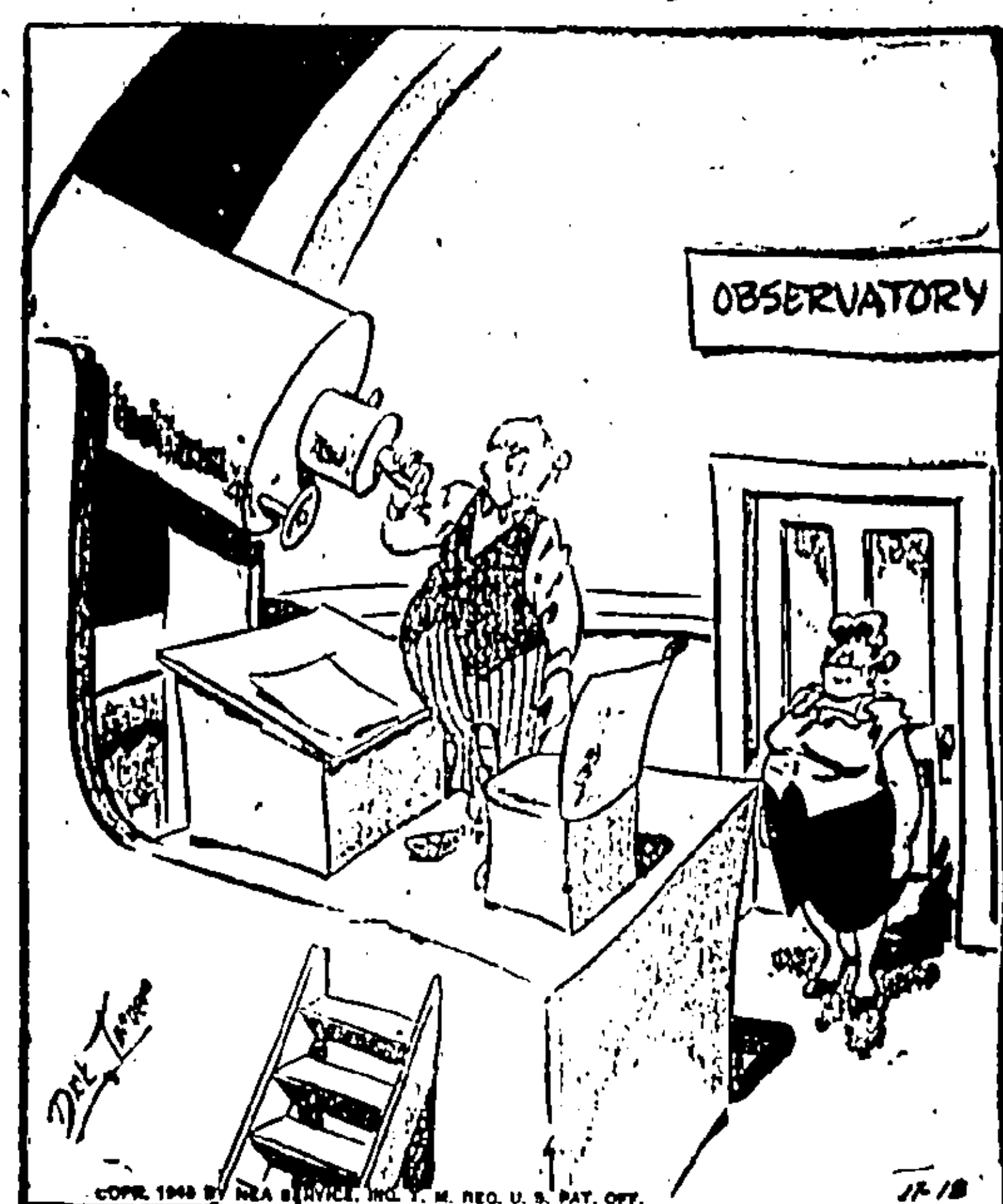
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underbid of 2-Hearts would have been enough to keep North out of the bidding. But 1-Spade left the door open for North's 2-Clubs, when a higher call would not have been dared. Where the 1-Spade response was overcalled by 2-Clubs, South could hardly lead anything except his partner's suit. In consequence, a trick got set up there at once, so that the defenders took a total of three and held the contract to exactly game. Where North was shut out of showing his clubs, South made the more natural choice of the unbid major for his opening lead, selecting the spade 10, the A winning. The heart 2 to the K killed the Q and the next heart went to the A. When South then tried a club switch it was too late. The A won, the heart 9 cleared trumps, spades divided evenly and the last club of East was discarded on the fourth spade to make an extra trick.

S J 7 3
H Q
D 7 3
C K Q 10 8 4 3 2
S K 9 5 4
H K 10 9
D J 9 8
C A J

Tomorrow's Problem
S 10 7
H A K 9 7 5
D Q 10 8 3
C 6 2
S A J 4
H 4
D K 6 5 4
C Q 5 4

(Dealer North. North-South vulnerable).

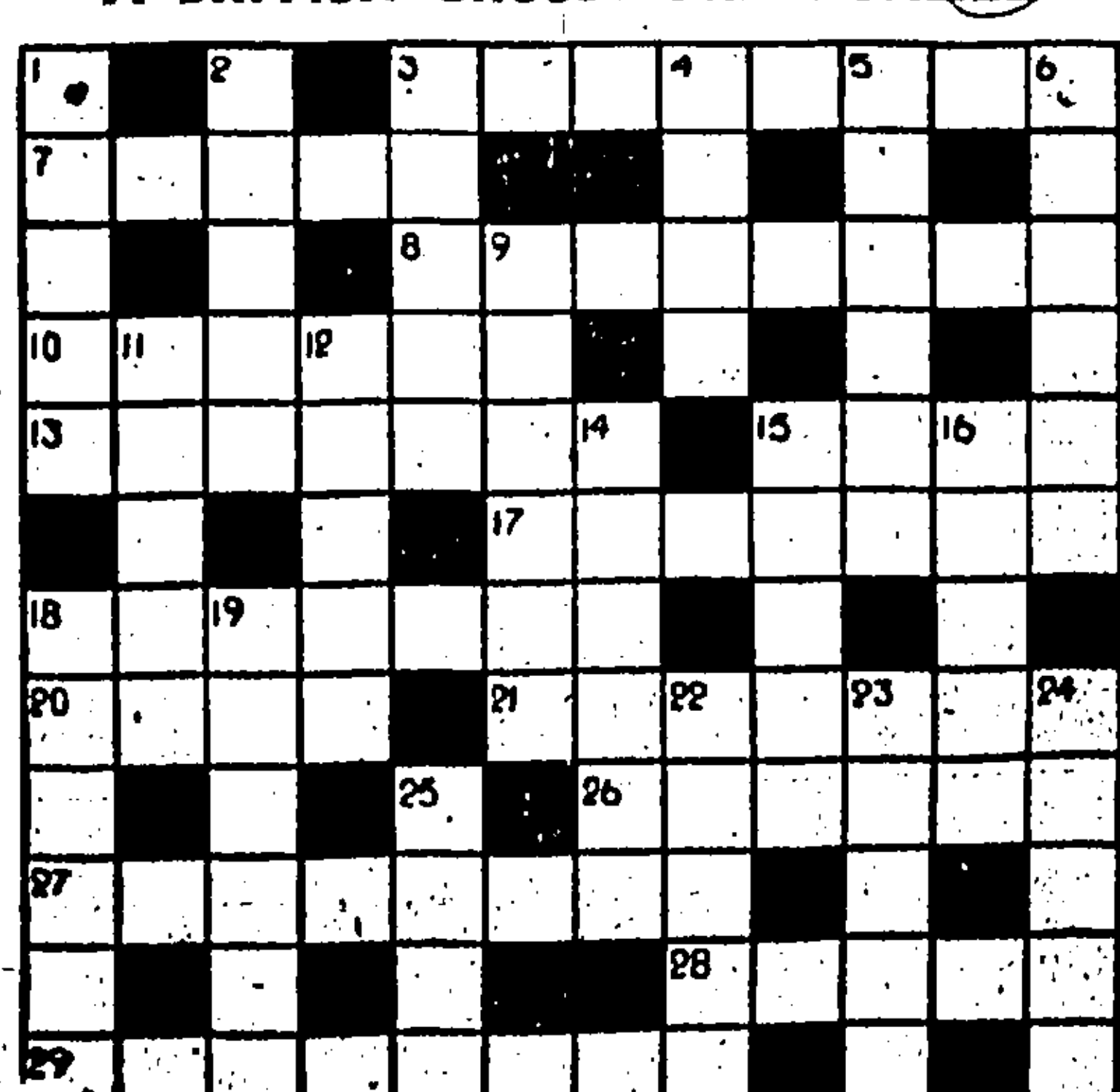
1. Pass
2. C
3. H
4. H
5. H
6. H
7. H
8. H
9. H
10. H
11. H
12. H
13. H
14. H
15. H
16. H
17. H
18. H
19. H
20. H
21. H
22. H
23. H
24. H
25. H
26. H
27. H
28. H
29. H
30. H

S Q 8 6 5
H 10 5 2
D A J
C J 10 9 3
(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).

Granted that West's bid of 3-Hearts at Table 2 was a bit of an overbid, it paid out through preventing North from showing his clubs. Actually the slight

What is the only correct action for East, whether he likes it or not, after West bids 1-Spade and North 2-Hearts?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 3 Mythical.
- 7 Benefit.
- 8 Wealth.
- 10 Coma.
- 13 Proposition.
- 15 Astorisk.
- 17 Nourishes.
- 18 Brazed.
- 20 Clever.
- 21 Bitter repentance.
- 26 Ransom.
- 27 Occurring.
- 28 Rule.
- 29 Refinement.

Down

- 1 Middle part.
- 2 Worth.
- 3 Stump.
- 4 Ill-favoured.
- 5 Elaborately adorned.
- 6 Guides.
- 9 Esteem above another.
- 11 Pulse.
- 12 Balance.
- 14 Up-to-date.
- 15 Got on one's feet.
- 16 Get up.
- 18 Bewilder.
- 19 Aver.
- 22 Rhythm.
- 23 Send.
- 24 Revise.
- 25 Chrysalis.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Robbed, 5 Route, 6 Power, 9 Merlin, 10 Canal, 11 Cadet, 12 Acts, 13 Dodge, 15 Recovery, 16 Needed, 20 Beers, 22 Perl, 23 Ruler, 25 Steam, 26 Ravine, 27 Texas, 28 Broad, 29 Nectar.

DOWN—1 Ramparts, 2 Baritone, 3 Epic, 4 Donated, 5 Receded, 6 Orator, 7 Twang, 14 Derelict, 15 Engineer, 16 Resumed, 17 Veteran, 19 Errata, 21 Enticer, 24 Race.

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CINEMA WORLD

PARKS, CHAPMAN
Chinese chair with a forkIn Need Of
SharpeningLARRY PARKS who rose to
stardom for his portrayal of our
of America's most popular "old-
timers" in "The Jolson Story,"
doesn't quite reach the grade in
Columbia's "The Gallant
Blade," coming next week to the
Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.The "Blade" is a handsome chap,
whatever that may mean, and
he's also dashing and handy with
a sword, but somehow he misses
being a convincing 17th Century
hero by a bit more than just a
mere inch. To do Larry Parks
justice, the fault is not mainly his,
but that of the film's guiding
hand, who have attempted to
create a historical strip of col-
lud with the usual Hollywood air
of bravado; it strikes one, like
certain Chinese elbow with a knife
and fork.Nevertheless, the picture is
tolerable for those who seek
entertainment and who thrill to
the Dunsmuir-like adventures of
swordsmen and find delight in
seeing beautiful damsels being
carried across shallow streams.Marguerite Chapman takes the
leading feminine role. Regarding
her we'll say that she's a lush and
lovely-looking creature, period.
"The Gallant Blade" is filmed
against the background of a tur-
bulent France in the year 1648.
Anno Domini. Plots and counter-
plots are scattered about like beer
bottle caps at a bachelor's dinner,
and their solution makes up most
of the picture. Climax of the film
is reached when Larry Parks and
the villain (Victor Jory) engage in
a bit of fancy fencing for the
damsel. And need we reveal who
emerges winner?Reliable Randolph
Takes The Trail
Again At King'sOut of the adventure-swept history of a town born
of blazing guns in the hands of courageous
men, Paramount brings to the King's next week
"Albuquerque," starring reliable Randolph
Scott and Barbara Britton.Albuquerque in 1878, the picture's setting, was one
of the lawless towns in the great South West of
a Young United States. It was the hub of an
empire and of cattle and silver. Bribery, cor-
ruption and murder were the weapons of
tyrannical men who sought control of the re-
gion's enormous wealth.Against this background, Di-
rector Ray Enright has managed to
create a fairly lively and
entertaining Western, with the
usual triangle of Good Boy
(Randolph Scott), Bad Boy
(Lon Chaney) and "the Girl who
sets the hearts aflutter."Into pell-packed Albuquerque
rides ex-Texas Ranger Randolph,
the nephew of the town's un-
scrupulous despot. Apprised of
his uncle's nefarious undertak-
ings, he loses no time in gather-
ing the forces of righteousness
under his command. The rest of
the film deals with his attempts
to bring law and order to the
town, backed up with hot lead
and crashing fists.A classic example of what
Hollywood actors carry in the
way of a punch is amply de-
monstrated in a display of fist-
cuffs between Hero Randolph and
Villain Lon Chaney. It's cer-
tainly one of the roughest, tough-
est and bloodiest fights to hit the
screen since "Pittsburgh."The only noticeable eye-sore
in "Albuquerque" is Cinecolor's
colours, which have still a long
way to go to touch Technicolor's
smooth and soothing shades.Harem Beauties
And Thieves
For The Lee'sTo the Lee Theatre next week
comes Universal's "Ali Baba
and the 40 Thieves," another
one of those lavish and exotic
Hollywood extravaganzas that
leave the movie-goer dazed and
befuddled.Whether you will enjoy this
picture depends on the extent you
two really mean the sensory or-
gans) can stomach the fantastic.On to the screen come breath-
taking harem beauties (yum,
yum), the heroine, Maria Montez
(ahh!), the villain of the piece,
Kurt Katch (booh), and the Hero,
Jon Hall (cheers) to make the
film a hodge-podge of intrigues,
romances and adventure.Very little acting ability is re-
quired for a picture such as "Ali
Baba and the 40 Thieves," and the
cast willingly obliges to make the
film another one of those "Bagdad,
USA" creations, with apologies to
the present rulers of that quaint
city.In the supporting roles are Tur-
han Bey, Andy Devine, Fortunio
Bonanova and Scotty Beckett.GARY COOPER
A Sucker For A TouchGood Sam--
Wotta Guy!The dangers of violating that
well known maxim, "Charity
Begins At Home," are amply
illustrated in RKO's "Good
Sam," which is due for release
at the Roxy next week.Starring Gary Cooper and
Anne Sheridan in a whimsical
mood, "Good Sam" achieves
what it sets out to do—give the
movie-goer almost two hours of
fairly delightful entertainment.There are times when Pro-
ducer-Director Leo MacCurry
(of "The Ball of St. Mary's"
and "Going My Way" fame) lets
the picture drag a bit unneces-
sarily, but on the whole he should
be credited with a smooth, hu-
man and heart-warming pro-
duction.Although not in a cowboy or
Leatherstocking outfit, Gary
Cooper fans will find their idol
as lanky, awkward and charm-
ing in a double-breasted suit as
he is in his usual get-up. He
portrays (and very well, too) the
typical Good Samaritan, who is
always a clench for a touch, and
who usually lands up in a mess
of troubles because of his in-
ability to say "No." Good Sam
is the sort of chap who lends
his ear to the butler; it's wreck-
ed and he is stuck with a dam-
age suit.Lu (that's the Missus, and ably
portrayed by Anne Sheridan)
watches her husband's trials and
tribulations until Sam saves a
girl from suicide and brings her
home to be nursed. This is the
prevailing state that broke the
camel's back, and Lu starts
going about saving Good Sam
from further trouble.

Blandings Breakfast

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ENGAGEMENT

MACKENZIE — MACKENZIE. — The engagement is announced to the Duke of Cornwall, daughter of Mrs. Eileen Mackenzie and the late Mr. J. Mackenzie of Hong Kong and Shanghai, and Mr. Edward J. Mackenzie of New York and Boston.

POWER POLITICS

Those who doubted that the Chinese Communists would adopt totalitarian Marxist tactics must have had their opinion shaken yesterday at the news of the ultimatum to the Nanking government demanding its immediate surrender.

As peace talks were in progress, the Communist radio also let loose another bitter attack on the Nationalist leaders, claiming that they were standing closer to "the Chiang Kai-shek war criminal bloc and their master, American imperialism."

This bludgeoning war of nerves has become only too familiar a weapon of modern dictators, and the Stalinist uses it with even greater gusto than the Hitlerite. The petitioners arrive, cap in hand, to speak to the great dictator, only to find there is no calm discussion of terms but a brutal atmosphere of noisy intimidation, coupled with terms so harsh as to be unacceptable to any honourable person.

It is believed in Shanghai that the talks are facing complete breakdown as a result of a series of entirely new conditions set by the Red leaders. They insist on retribution for the Nanking students and soldiers' clash, the handing over of Shanghai and Nanking, and an outright declaration by the Nationalists against the Atlantic Pact, thus breaking ties with the West.

We are not suggesting that the Nanking government is upright or capable or deserving of much support, but it did make the first move towards peace—recognising the inevitable. It seems certain that they are being refused negotiation. The Communists would be glad to accept complete surrender, but not expecting this, they intend to use a refusal to put the blame for continuance of the war on their opponents. The peace delegation is faced with two equally undesirable alternatives.

The further report that the Reds have threatened to drive across the Yangtze on April 12 may therefore be taken seriously. It looks as if the war is coming to the South—and after the river there is no barrier before reaching Canton.

BRITAIN'S BUDGET

On may weep for the Britain that has gone, or one may rejoice in the onward march of Socialism. One may rebel against all the Puritanical austerity that Sir Stafford Cripps stands for, but no honest critic can deny him the courage of his narrow-minded, State-controlled convictions. He is symptomatic of the new ruling class which despises the Britain that grew to greatness through the daring of unshackled adventurers, and intends to build a nation not of shopkeepers, but of shop assistants and shop stewards.

Nevertheless, the budget announced today does show

With my grandfather's death I succeeded to a number of titles, of which one, Duke of Cornwall immediately became my new name, the one to which my correspondence was addressed and to which I answered on parade and in the classroom.

However, my classmates continued to call me Prince Edward. Whereas my other titles carried neither income nor duties, my becoming Duke of Cornwall conferred immediate practical advantages.

Created six centuries ago for the Black Prince, the Duke in the personal estate of the King's eldest son, the income of which serves the purpose of making him financially independent.

Its holdings included securities, valuable London properties, and thousands of acres in the West Country.

The greater part of the not inconsiderable revenue was reinvested in the property, the residue passing to the Duke of Cornwall for the maintenance of his household and establishment.

Here was the first steady income that I had ever received except for the weekly 1s. of pocket money doled out at naval college.

Still, I do not recall that this new wealth gave rise to any particular satisfaction at that time.

The discovery that little could be done without money was reserved for a later stage of my education.

Contrary to popular belief, the King's eldest son does not by right become Prince of Wales.

It the King should decide that his first son was unfit to bear the title, he could withhold it.

And in point of fact, my father, a stickler for form, did not create me Prince of Wales until some six weeks after my grandfather died.

On my 16th birthday I was summoned to Windsor Castle from Dartmouth, and in a conversation lasting but a minute, my father informed me that he deemed me worthy to assume the title of Prince of Wales.

Next day the Archbishop of Canterbury arrived, and, with the choir singing "Plant the Good Fight," I was confirmed in the private chapel with my parents, my grandmother, and other relatives as congregation.

My life now stretched like a straight road before me.

Nothing, save death itself, was likely to prevent my one day being

courage. There is still a long uphill road to climb, says the Chancellor, and neither the all-powerful trade unionist or the vanishing middle class whose vote is wanted can be pandered to in any material way. The crushing purchase tax remains without alteration, with levies up to 125 per cent on what the Socialists regard as luxury items.

Smokers of all classes will have not a penny of relief, and their matches will cost more. The fantastic level of income tax will remain, proving to the professional and commercial classes that they would have been wiser to have become bricklayers or motor mechanics, where so much money can be made without paying tax at all.

The duty on spirits is untouched, but a small sop is offered in the way of 2/- off a bottle of light table wine, and a penny off a pint of beer—both beverages which have shown an alarming falling off in trade recently, customers just not having the necessary purchase price.

Strong protests can be expected from organised trade unionism regarding the slight raising of the prices of meat, cheese, butter and margarine. British prices and world prices of such essential commodities have no similarity, the commodities being given a wholly uneconomic cheapness by virtue of subsidies obtained by taxation from the despised persons earning more than the union wage. There will be no reduction in the enormous subsidy of £465,000,000, but in spite of rising prices it will not be increased.

It is a grim picture, but although one may not agree with the new economics, there is no doubt that the budget has a certain, if miserable, soundness. There is, however, no intention to reduce government expenditure and the dollar deficit, although vastly lowered, completely nullifies any attempt to justify Socialism as having solved the grave problems of post-war Britain.

THE ROYAL MEMOIRS

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Road To The Throne

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Before I started back to Dartmouth, my father told me that since the time had come for me to learn something about politics, he had arranged for the study of civics to be substituted for some of my engineering classes.

My old tutor, Henry Peter Hansell, who had stayed on with the family to teach my younger brothers, Harry, George, and John, felt that my progress in this new field would be furthered if I were to read more serious newspapers than the tabloids which I, in common with the other cadets, devoured from cover to cover.

Accordingly, he consulted one of the Dartmouth masters, a Mr. Cookson.

Deciding that the Times—organ of British Conservatism—was probably too stuffy for my taste, they worked out a daily reading plan, of which I, in all innocence, hastened to appraise my father:

"Dear Papa . . .



AS PRINCE OF WALES I had to appear more and more in public.
On this occasion I accompanied my mother in her landau.

"I take in the Morning Post and the Westminster Gazette, as both Mr. Cookson and Mr. Hansell came to the conclusion that those were the best two for me to take in. By this means, I have been a Conservative and a Liberal paper to read and it is over so much more interesting for me to follow the political proceedings now that I have been taught something of the country's Constitution."

But, for a Prince, even the most cautious foray into contemporary politics was fraught with hazard, as shown by my next letter to my father:

"Dear Papa . . . I have changed the papers as you wished and Mr. Cookson quite agreed, and said that he thought the Times put everything clearer and more to the point. So now I take in the Times . . . My last term passed swiftly—too swiftly."

My brother Bertie had meanwhile been transferred from Osborne and in my diary I alluded solemnly to his lack of respect toward a senior—nothing more, probably, than some impulsive, lonely gesture that breached Dartmouth's stern code: "I was told by somebody that Bertie was in the habit of treating him with familiarity. I shall tell him this, as he should not mix with terms other than his own."

Half-way through the term both he and I fell victim for the second time in our lives to a severe epidemic of measles which put two-thirds of the cadets in the hospital.

Hansell came down from London and took us away to Cornwall to convalesce.

In that lovely part of England we were joined by the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall, Mr. Walter Peacock, who, hoping to stimulate my interest in business affairs, conducted me in my dual capacity around some of my properties.

It was while I was in Cornwall that my first serious ambition was blazed.

The goal of my cadet life had been the final training cruise and graduation that would qualify me

for the dirk and white patch of a ship's captain.

No cadet yearned for this proof of success more than I.

Now, without warning, came a letter from my father explaining that since I would naturally be obliged to play a prominent role in his Coronation in June, I would have to forego the training cruise in North American waters upon which my hopes were set.

So it was with a heavy heart that I returned to the Naval College to say goodbye to the officers and cadets of my term, and, incidentally, for the first time, to take the leading part in a public function.

A silver ear, symbol of ancient rites of the water of Dartmouth, had long been deposited with the Duchy of Cornwall; and it was Mr. Peacock's sentimental thought that I should give it back to the town in a simple ceremony which I subsequently described in my diary of March 29, 1911, my last day at the Naval College:

"It was very sad saying farewell . . . At 5.00 I left the bathing stage in a steamboat with the captain, Bertie.

"The trees are just coming out and the place looks lovely.

Before breakfast with Major Wigram, Bertie, and Harry . . . I helped Mary fly a patent kite . . . Mama told me that Papa had arranged that Lord Revelstoke should carry my coronet at the Coronation . . .

Windsor is a lovely place, with one of the most beautiful views of all England, looking out over the woods and fields of the Thames Valley.

With Mary I bicycled happily in the grounds; I studied and read under the trees with my tutors; and in sight of those ancient grey walls, quiet without realising it, I arrived at the end of my boyhood.

The Garter

In June I was caught up in the sequence of splendour leading to my father's Coronation and, shortly afterwards, the lesser occasion of my investiture as Prince of Wales.

Henceforth the demands of my inheritance would press upon me ever more fiercely.

The Garter ceremony was my introduction to the orders of chivalry, and at 16 I took the business in my stride:

June 10, 1911.
" . . . Father and Mother went into the Garter Room. I waited in the Rubens Room. My Uncle Arthur (Duke of Connaught) and Cousin Arthur came for me. Between them I walked up the great room, bowing three times! Then Papa put the Garter, Riband, and Star on me, and I went around the table shaking hands with each knight in turn. I kissed both Papa and Mama's hands . . ."

My father's Coronation took place a fortnight later—surely one of the most splendid spectacles in British history, with 60,000 troops in full-dress uniform lining the route.

Buckingham Palace.

June 22, 1911.
"Papa's and Mama's Coronation Day. Papa rated me a mischiefmaker. I breakfasted early and saw Mama and Papa at 9.00 and then dressed in my Garter clothes and robes and left in a state carriage at 10.00 with Mary and the brothers. We arrived at the Abbey at 10.30 and walked up the nave and choir to my seat in front of the peers."

"All the relatives and people were most civil, and bowed to me as they passed. Then Mama and Papa came in and the ceremony commenced."

"There was the Recognition, the Anointing, and the crowning of Papa, and then I put on my coronet with the peers. Then I had to go and do homage to Papa and his throne and I was very nervous."

"Then Mama was crowned. We got into our carriage and had a long drive back. My coronet felt very heavy, and we had to bow to the people as we went along."

My Oath

Kneeling at my father's feet, I swore:

"I, Edward, Prince of Wales, do become your liege man of life and limb, and of earthly worship; and faith and truth I will bear unto you, to live and die, against all manner of folks. So help me God."

When my father kissed my cheeks his emotion was great as was mine.

These affairs reached a climax for me a month later with my investiture as Prince of Wales. Not of least remarkable aspect of this particular ceremony . . .

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A 'HARD LABOUR' BUDGET

No Tax Cuts: Prices Of Food Raised

Adverse Reaction Of Trade Union

London, April 8. Typical union reaction to the Budget came immediately from Mark Hewitt, Labour Member of Parliament and National Industrial Organiser of the General and Municipal Workers' Union—the second largest trade union in the country.

He told Reuters: "The expectation of the Budget in increasing purchasing power for the pay packet has not been realised. This means that pending wage claims will be pressed with vigour and sections of the workers will not take 'No' for an answer."

Observers expect that tomorrow's private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party—which Sir Stafford will address—will show in better perspective the impact of the Budget on the rank and file generally.

Many Conservatives make no secret of how they felt about the Budget. They approve of it—and believe that it will cost Labour many votes.—Reuters.

PI WANTS PACT IN PACIFIC

Shanghai, April 7. Manuel V. Gallego, Philippines Ambassador at large, says his country favours a Pacific version of the Atlantic Pact.

He told a press conference in Shanghai that countries in the Pacific are confronted with the same dangers which confront the nations of Western Europe.

The Ambassador is visiting China en route home from a tour of Japan and Korea. He expects to return to Manila early next week.

If Japan's economic recovery continues at the present pace, Mr. Gallego said, Japan will soon be a strong competitor in commerce both in the Orient and Europe. In Japan, Mr. Gallego studied the question of Japanese reparations to the Philippines. He said Japan is recovering quickly, but that country is ravaged by war more than the Philippines believed.

The Ambassador said Korea and the Philippines now are in the process of establishing trade relations. Both countries are studying possible imports and exports, he said.—Associated Press.

USSR Closes Consulates

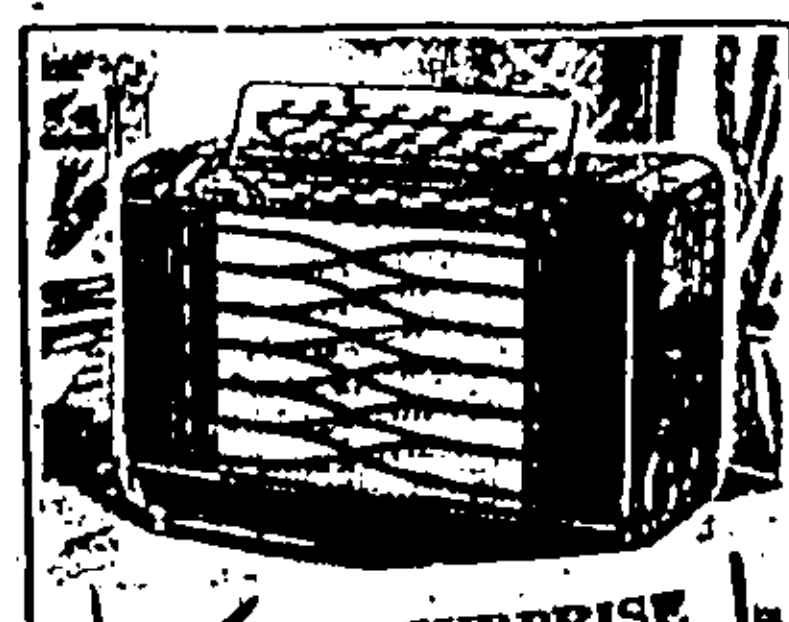
Rome, April 7. Newspapers reported today that Russia has advised the Italian Government that Soviet consulates in Italy will be closed on April 15.

The newspaper quoted an announcement from the Government's official Gazette. No reason was given. Presumably such an action will not affect the operation of the Soviet Embassy in Rome.

An editor of the newspaper "Il Messaggero" said editorially that perhaps the consulates do not have sufficient business here.—Associated Press.

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POOLS TAX INCREASED: BEER DOWN A PENNY

London, April 7.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, sentenced the British taxpayer to another 12 months of hard labour yesterday. He presented Parliament with a 1949-50 budget denying any substantial tax cuts and raising the basic prices of some kinds of food.

Sir Stafford announced a reduction of the duty on tea by 6d. all round and on sugar by 1-1/4d. all round. The price to manufacturers and the public would remain unaltered.

Food prices would be raised: cheese 4d. a pound; meat 4d. a pound; margarine 1d. a pound; butter 2d. per pound. These increases would be arranged with the Food Minister at an early date.

There would be appropriate reductions in the duties on molasses and glucose.

The result of reducing the duty on tea by 6d. a pound and on sugar by 1-1/4d. a pound would be to reduce the subsidy required to maintain existing prices by £112 million for tea and £22 million for sugar.

The change in the price for meat, margarine and butter, together with the change in the import duties for tea and sugar, meant that the subsidies should not exceed £405 million in the current year.

The duty on light table wines would be reduced 2/- a bottle and 12/- a gallon.

The tax on football pools would be raised from 20 to 30 per cent from next Saturday.

Sir Stafford said he could see no room for any substantial alteration of taxation in a downward direction.

Matches would cost another 12d. a box.

Beer Down

Beer would be reduced by 1d. a pint. The duty would be reduced by 21/- a bulk barrel of 36 gallons.

A telephone surcharge of 15 per cent on subscribers' local call fees would be increased to 50 per cent.

Sir Stafford said there would be no change in the purchase tax.

Sir Stafford, who made a speech lasting two and a quarter hours, said Britain must face her economic and financial problems with realism and must not jeopardise long-term hopes of prosperity by a too hasty desire to anticipate the benefits already accomplished.

Sir Stafford told the House that Britain has improved her gold and dollar situation greatly since 1947, when the deficit was £1,024 million. At the end of the first year of the European Recovery Programme, the dollar deficit was £358 million. The figure for the first three months of 1949 was £382 million. The ERP allotment for the 12 months, together with the drawing on the Canadian credit and other available resources, had been just enough to cover this deficit.

The Ambassador said Korea and the Philippines now are in the process of establishing trade relations. Both countries are studying possible imports and exports, he said.—Associated Press.

Vast Deficit

At the end of last month, the reserves stood at £471 million, compared with £552 million at the beginning of the European Recovery Programme.

Britain had succeeded in carrying out the policy of restricting dollar expenditure to what could be covered by dollar earnings. The remaining dollar deficit of £360 million a year was a vast figure.

"It is this huge deficit which we must get rid of in the next three years. It is up to us to concentrate our skill and energy both on production and salesmanship in the North American continent. Canada and the United States provide a large and prosperous market, which we are not

cultivating as strenuously as we might."

"It is a difficult market and internal competition is intense. Nevertheless, I am convinced we can, and must, do more to establish ourselves in those markets, not merely as a temporary device to bring about a momentary balance of trade, but as a permanent factor in achieving once again the conditions of multilateral trade in the full sense in which the free convertibility of currency will be able to operate."

Expenditure this year on defence was up by £67,000,000, and there could not be any marked reduction.

Facing Facts

"We have to face the facts that as long as the defence forces and social services are maintained, whatever Government is in power, a very high rate of taxation will continue to be necessary," Sir Stafford said.

He indicated that the reduction in beer and wine duties and the increase in the duty on matches would take effect immediately.

He gave no date for the operation of the lower tea and sugar duties. Food price increases would be introduced at an early date in consultation with the Food Minister.

Sir Stafford preceded his taxation announcements with an economic survey.

Speaking about the stabilisation of prices and wages, he said that retail prices had risen only one point and wages three points during the last year.

"These results, placed against a background of full employment and moderate de-rationing, are highly satisfactory and certainly denote that the heavy pressure of inflation has been easing off," he said.

National Debt

The total of the national debt outstanding at March 31, 1949, was £25,168 million, a fall of £453,000,000 since March 31, 1948.

The debt had never before been redeemed on anything like such a scale, he said.

Britain had achieved a balance between national income and national expenditure on current consumption and investment and

the resulting situation was far healthier than it was 12 months ago.

"Our task this year will be to maintain that good health," Sir Stafford added.

Neither revenue nor expenditure had turned out according to plan—far from it.

Expenditure had exceeded the original estimate by £200,000,000, but total revenue at £4,097 million was £242,000,000 more than estimated.

Same Policy

It was quite impossible to reduce expenditure and therefore taxation, so long as defence and social services were run on the present scale.

"On the whole it seems that we should follow the same general policy as last year for our budget though not with so sharp a check on inflation," Sir Stafford said.

There was not much further immediate possibility of the redistribution of national income by way of taxation in Britain, he declared.

The Chancellor concluded with a warning that Britain must not jeopardise long-term hopes of prosperity by a too hasty desire to anticipate benefits already accomplished.

Warm Tribute

Mr. Anthony Eden, Deputy Opposition leader, paid a warm tribute to Sir Stafford at the end of his Budget speech.

Mr. Eden said: "The whole House will congratulate him upon a speech of really outstanding brilliance, even for him."

"When we come to criticise the contents of that speech we shall do so with a recollection of the performance for which we are all grateful," Mr. Eden added.—Reuters and Associated Press.

ITALY TO HAVE UN OBSERVER

Lake Success, April 6.

The Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today adopted, without opposition, an American proposal for the official Italian observer here to be allowed to take part in the discussions, but without the right to vote.

This is the first time an Italian representative has taken part in any United Nations official talks.—Reuters.

Experts Praise Cripps' Budget

London, April 6.

Sir Stafford Cripps' Budget, presented to the House of Commons today, was hailed by thoughtful economists as one of the most courageous ever produced by the Finance Minister of any country.

But political observers awaited the reaction to the cost of living increases from organised labour.

The Government has hitherto used the argument of price stability to restrain wage increase demands.

Faced with a huge surplus, the Chancellor has actually increased taxes by about £35,000,000 instead of cutting them as almost everyone expected him to do.

Thus Sir Stafford has been even more austere than his recent Economic Survey, which recommended that the disinflationary effect of the Budget should be maintained.

Most people thought that even this recommendation was too austere.

Above everything else stands Sir Stafford's affirmation that since all Parties are agreed on

Long Faces

Fifty million Britons were a little stunned tonight by the "puritan" Budget.

Few people expected any concessions, but most had been optimistic that the Chancellor would lighten the tax-payers' burden a little by reducing sales tax and perhaps taking

more social benefits—and more defence—they cannot have tax cuts too.

A little off the price of cigarettes. The news that meat, cheese, butter and other food-stuffs would be raised produced long faces, especially among women.

The few concessions actually made brought little enthusiasm. Beer drinkers—now drinking less, to the dismay of the brewers—felt that only one penny off each pint of beer would make little difference to their pockets. Telephone users were particularly loud in their complaints about the increased bills now facing them. Many were heard threatening to ask the Post Office to remove their instruments.

Evening newspapers splashed such headlines as "Shopping Bill Goes Up" and "Beer Down—Food Up" across their front pages.—Reuters.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photo shows the offices of the China Light and Power Company, Limited, Argyle Street, Kowloon.

Famous Gem Sold For A Fortune

New York, April 6.

A New York jeweller has bought the Hope Diamond and other jewels of the late Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean, a former Washington, D.C., publisher, for over \$1,000,000.

The jewel merchant, Mr. Harry Winston, said he had been asked by the trustees of Mrs. McLean's estate not to disclose the exact amount of the sale. The jewel collection includes the 44½ carat Hope Diamond and some 70 other pieces.

Mr. Winston has no immediate plans for the disposal of the gems. He will place the Hope Diamond on public display throughout the United States in museums and jewel shops.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" said today that the purchase price of the collection was between \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000.—Reuters.

COLONIAL CO-OP MOVEMENT

London, April 6.

Locally-appointed officials of the Colonial Co-operative Departments in the Gold Coast, Nigeria, Cyprus, Uganda and Malaya, who have been taking a special course at the Co-operative College, Stamford Hall, Loughborough, will leave London tomorrow on a three-week tour of co-operative institutions in France. They will be accompanied by Major J.F. de B. Blampied, Co-operative Officer in Northern Rhodesia.

They are: Mr. J.A. Danso and Mr. J.E. Kane (Gold Coast), Mr. P.R. Sowobi (Nigeria), Mr. H.D. Ikl (Cyprus), Mr. B.K. Kiani and Mr. A. Kera (Uganda) and Mr. Mohammed Yusuf (Malaya).—Reuters.

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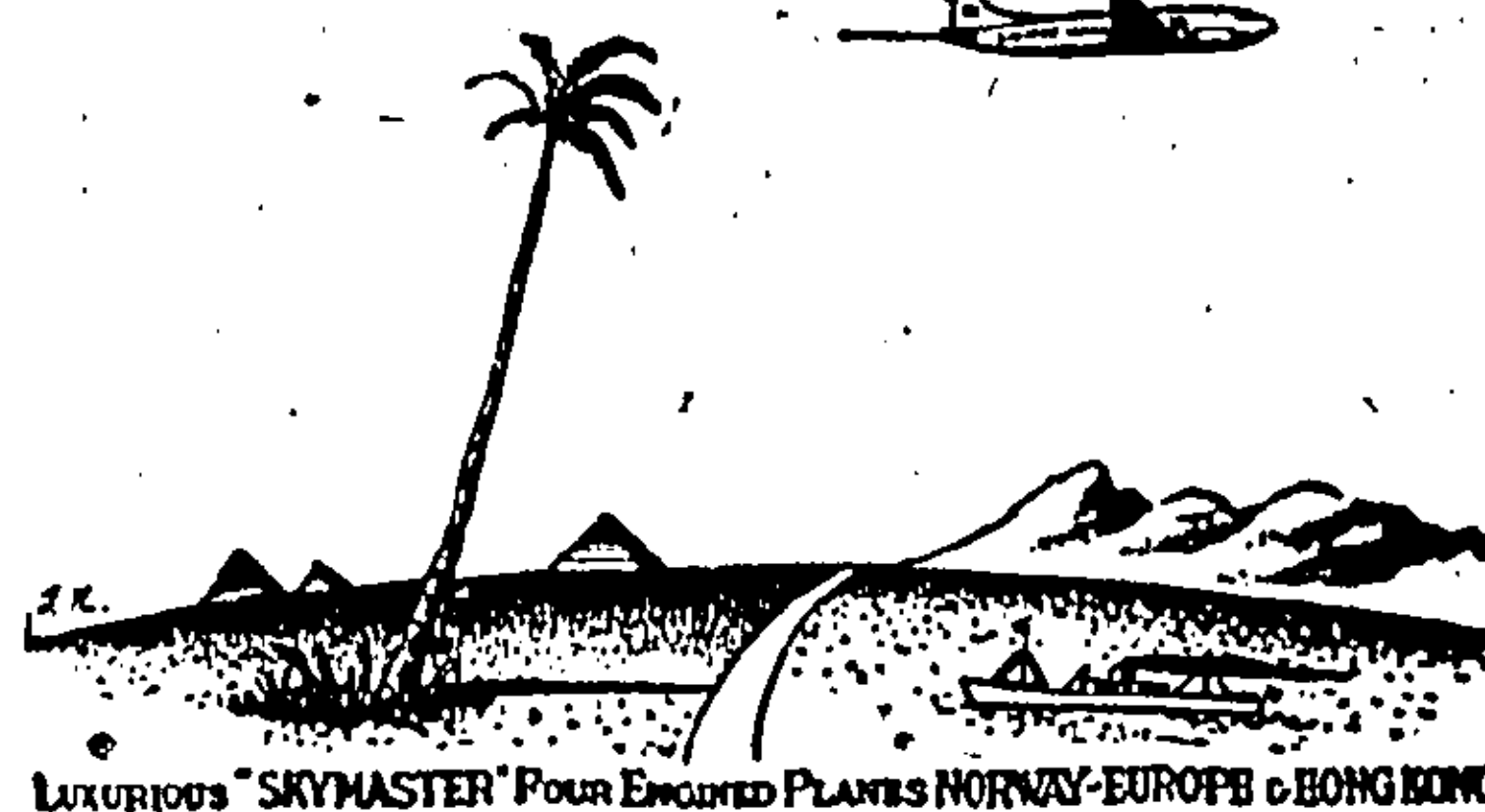
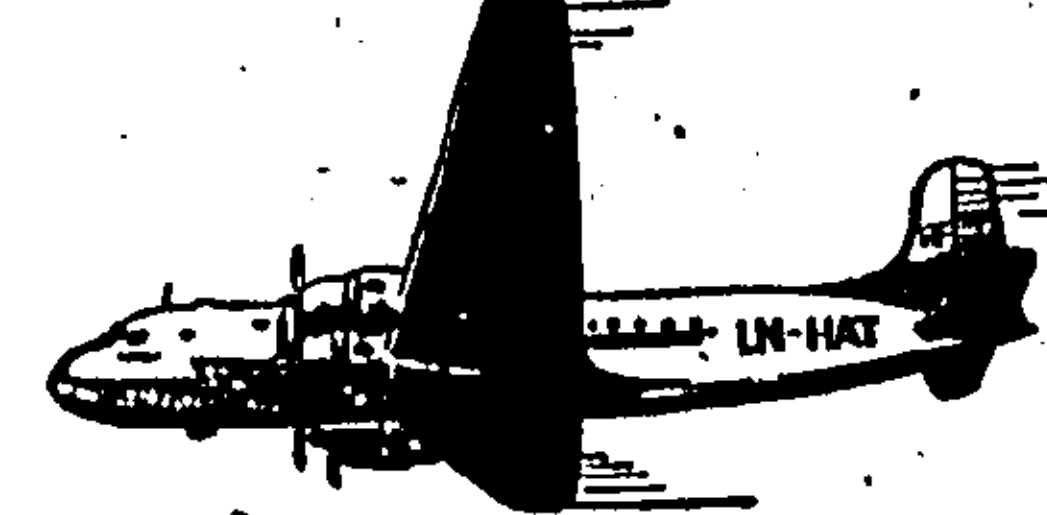
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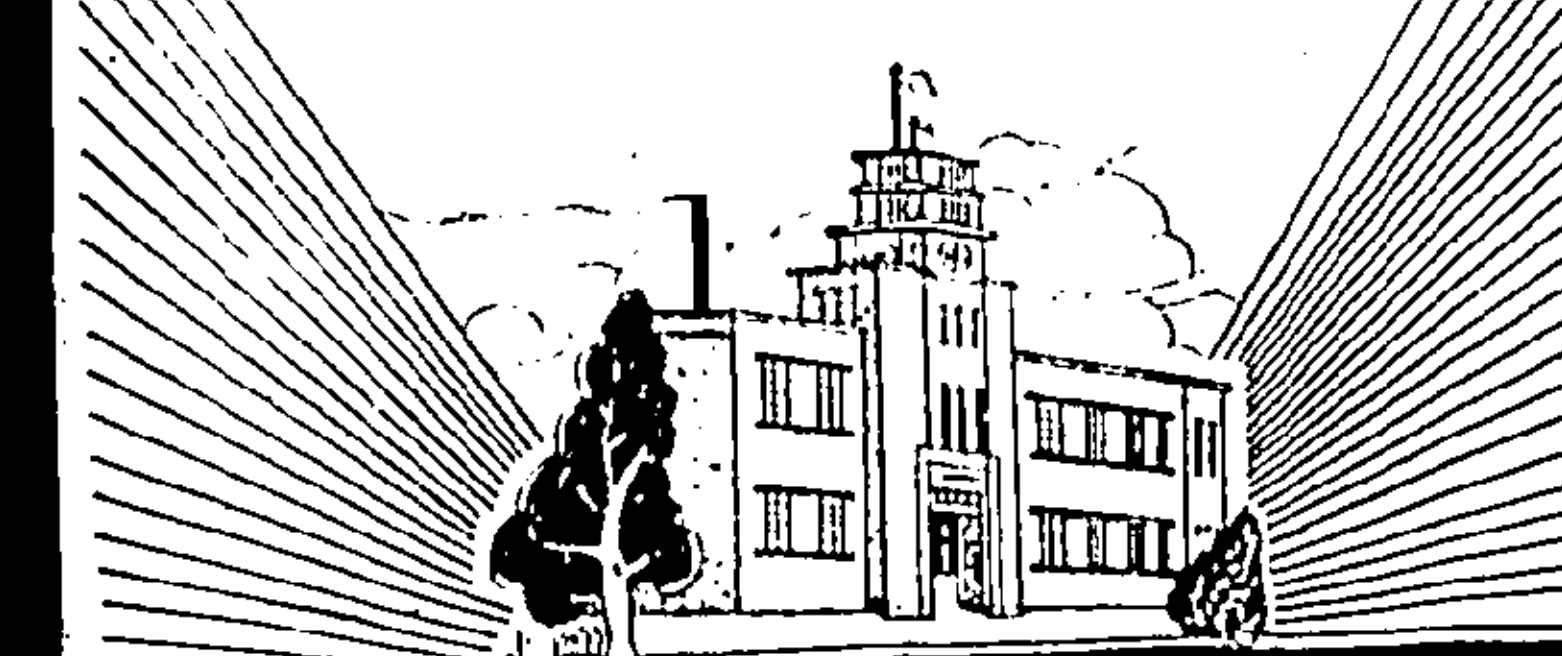
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U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARS CHINA REPORT

Washington, April 7.

Representative Walter Judd, Minnesota Republican, said today that a peace that would divide China into separate Communist and Central Government states would be "honourable and defensible."

But if America declines to continue helping China, he said, then the non-Communist Central Government will have to surrender to the Communists or form a coalition with them.

A coalition, he said, would mean Russian rule.
Mr. Judd gave his views to reporters after the House Foreign Affairs Committee spent two hours conferring with Major-General David G. Barr, Director of the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group to the Chinese Republic.
Chairman John Kee, West Virginia Democrat, said he thinks General Barr feels the situation is still in a fluid state.
"I don't think we should say he was very optimistic."

Asked whether he agreed with Mr. Judd that the American policy toward China has collapsed, as alleged in a recent report by the Republicans on the Committee, Mr. Kee replied: "I don't think so at all."

After listening to General Barr, Mr. Judd said: "It wasn't as discouraging as I expected it to be."

No Hope

But he added: "I don't see any hope for China unless the United States will change its policy."

He said the policy should embrace moral support instead of criticism, military training and advice at all levels, as in Greece, and economic help.

Mr. Judd said that his correspondents in China revealed that the people had great faith in President Li Tsun-shan and believed that he had eliminated most corrupt elements of the Nationalist Government.

No Plans

They also said, according to Mr. Judd, that word had filtered through from areas "liberated" by the Communists that costs had skyrocketed and living standards were far below those in areas not yet overrun.

Mr. Kee said the Committee session was informal and the Committee had no plans for further hearings on China in the immediate future.

He repeated, however, that the Committee hoped the situation would have stabilized in China by the end of this session of Congress, which would enable the Committee to make a full study and recommendation on future aid.—Associated Press and United Press.

NEW ZEALAND RED EXPELLED

Wellington, April 6.

The Communist Party today expelled Alexander Drennan, Party chairman, because he failed to adhere strictly to the Communist line.

The Communist announcement said: "Drennan was removed because of his failure to act in accordance with the basic organizational principle of the Communist Party, namely, democratic centralism."

Friends of Drennan said he was expelled because he had not been tough enough in carrying out policies.
Drennan, a dock worker, said: "I have broken Party rules and now I have to take the rap."—United Press.

Washington, April 6.
The operational chiefs of America's three Armed Services will confer this week and the next with General Dwight Eisenhower, temporary Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at Key West, Florida.—Reuter.

DUTCH TO CARRY ON SHIP WAR

London, April 6.

Dutch shipping circles in London were surprised tonight by a report that the Lemsterkerk, the first of the 8,000-ton Dutch cargo vessels due to carry the freight "war" into Britain, had cancelled her calls at Glasgow and Liverpool.

"She is going there all right," a spokesman for Van Ommeren, the London agents of the two Netherlands lines, told Reuters. "She will be in Glasgow on Saturday, and after a couple of days will turn round and go to Liverpool, there she will be loading on Monday. A week to-morrow she will be up the Thames, loading in London."

Asked about the size of the cargoes she is expected to pick up at the British ports, the spokesman said they were small but very good considering that only nine days or so had elapsed since the sailing of the Lemsterkerk was announced.

"Cargoes are normally booked a month ahead, not a week," he said.

"The freight war goes on unabated," he added. "We are continuing the struggle with all firmness in order to achieve our aim which is to be allowed to have sufficient cargoes to maintain our fortnightly service from Hamburg, Rotterdam and Antwerp to Karachi and other Indian ports."—Reuter.

SYDNEY FRACAS

Sydney, April 7.

Two men were arrested when Communists made several attempts to break up a meeting of the Australian Liberal Party in Sydney yesterday.

The meeting was addressed by H. G. Menzies, leader of the Federal Opposition.—United Press.

NEW ELECTIONS IN HUNGARY

Budapest, April 6.

The Government today announced that the Communist-dominated Hungarian People's Front has asked the President and the Government to dissolve Parliament and hold new elections.

Informal sources said the move was necessary because of recent changes in Parliament as a result of purges in the ranks of the Smallholders Party. Parliament will be dissolved next week and new elections held on May 15.
The Government statement said merely: "The leadership of the Hungarian People's Front has asked the Government and the President of the Republic to dissolve Parliament and call new elections."—United Press.

Air Conference Recommendations

London, April 6.

Recommendations for larger airports, improved flying control and networks of search and rescue stations for Africa and the Indian Ocean region, are expected to be submitted next week to the closing session of the three-week International Civil Aviation Organisation Conference here.

Secretariat officials are working day and night on the Committee reports to blueprint standardised practice and procedure in future air traffic across the African Continent. Since its opening session on March 22, the Conference, which completes the ICA coverage of world regions, has been split into committees dealing with airports and ground aids, air traffic control, communications, meteorology, search and rescue.

One hundred and fifty delegates from a score or more countries, regions and organisations have pooled information, experience and plans for the Conference to establish an organised basis for air development in Africa.

The existing airports in the African and Indian Ocean region will have to be enlarged to handle

the rapidly expanding air traffic. Alternative and supplementary airports will be required to conform to international standards of flying safety.

In air traffic control, procedures now common in other regions will be advised, dividing the African and Indian Ocean region into specific areas. An organised communications system between planes and ground stations will have to be extended and improved to pass information to aircraft and direct traffic.

One important problem tackled by the Conference is the establishment of the best frequencies for radio communication in tropical zones. A network of weather stations issuing periodical forecasts for all the areas of the region has been considered.

The need for planes on mercy missions to be able to cross frontiers without delay has also been stressed.—Reuter.

Stanley Going To Israel

New York, April 7.

Sidney Stanley is not yet in Israel—but he is going there and will be admitted when he arrives, according to Stanley's brother, Marcus Wolkan.

Wolkan told The Associated Press that he had spoken to Stanley's lawyer, in Tel Aviv who said that Stanley will be admitted because there is no such thing as illegal entry for a Jew into Palestine.

Wolkan said that his brother may have to pay a fine for entering Israel without a permit.—Associated Press.

NEW PLAN FOR WEST GERMANY

Washington, April 6.

Mr. Ernest Bevin and M. Robert Schuman, the British and French Foreign Ministers, discussed German and related problems again today with Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State.

The conversations, begun when the Foreign Ministers arrived in Washington before the signing of the Atlantic Pact, are expected to continue for the next two days. The Ministers are reported to have discussed a plan to give the future West German Government greater responsibility than originally intended.

London reports from German sources said that this new plan, to replace the "London draft" drawn up after three and a half months' negotiations by representatives of the three countries, may also give greater control to the United States Government, which would be the chief source of financial aid to Western Germany.

The new scheme is believed to be of United States origin, aimed at presenting West Germany with a greatly simplified document.—Reuter.

Indonesia Settlement

New York, April 6.

The Netherlands' Foreign Minister, Dirk Stikker, told a press conference before leaving the International Airport for Amsterdam that he sees the possibility of a settlement of the Indonesian question in the near future.

Answering questions, he added: "My conversations with State Department officials have given me a better outlook for a settlement of the problem." He declined to elaborate or comment further.

Of the Atlantic pact, he said: "It is a step for peace. We all get the Russian notes of protest but they are nothing new now."—United Press.

NEW PICTURES OF PRINCE

London, April 6.

New pictures of Prince Charles, son of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, who is second in line to the Throne after his mother, were published on the front pages of tonight's London evening papers. They were taken at Buckingham Palace on March 25, when the Prince was 10 weeks old and weighed 16 pounds two ounces.

Prince Charles looks plump, healthy and intelligent, and is playing with a woolly rabbit. Originally, the pictures were taken for the Royal Family, but Princess Elizabeth thought them so good that she permitted their publication.—Reuter.

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 31 (G)

Vocabulary:	
181. (tsol) dzoy ³	Again.
182. (hat) hut ¹	To beg.
Combinations:	
18. Shau ¹ may ¹	Finally.
19. Gaay ¹ been ¹	The pavement.
A Story: (Continued)	
48. Kui hui ³ wun ² dai-saam ¹ -gaw ¹ pung ¹ -yau.	He went to look for a third friend.
49. Dai-saam ¹ -gaw ¹ pung ¹ -yau dai ³ kui ¹ wah ¹ .	The third friend said to him: "Who are you?"
"Nay ¹ hai been ¹ -gaw ¹ ah ² ?"	
50. "Ngaw ¹ m shik ¹ nay ¹ baw ¹ ?"	"I don't know you!"
51. "Tsing ² nay ¹ m-hoh ² dzoy ³ lai nee ¹ -ahue ¹ lok ¹ ?"	"Please don't come here again."
52. Kui-dee ¹ pung ¹ -yau haam ¹ -baang ¹ -laang ¹ doh ¹ m foon ¹ -hay ² geen ¹	All his friends were not pleased to see him.
kui.	
53. Kui-day moh-yut ¹ -gaw ¹ tseng ² kui.	None of them liked him.
54. Kui seung ² wun ² gung ¹ -foo ¹ dzoh.	He wanted to look for a job.
55. Daan ¹ -hai moh-yun tsen ² kui, yun ¹ -wai ¹ kui m shik ¹ dzoh yeh ah ¹ .	But, nobody employed him, because he didn't know how to work.
56. Kui m jee ¹ deem ² dzoh hoh ² .	He didn't know what to do.
57. Shau ¹ -may ¹ , kui hai ² gaay ¹ -been ¹ hut ¹ -seen ² , daan ¹ -hai moh-yun bay ² kui.	Finally, he was on the pavement begging for money, but no one gave him any.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.	6.15 p.m.—Navy Music Melodies.
12.32 p.m.—"Hand Call" JMC Variety Orchestra. (B.R.C.S.) With Denny Doolis.	6.30 p.m.—Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and S.K. Lee. (Studio)
1.00 p.m.—Songs by Grace Fields. Announcements.	6.50 p.m.—Sports Preview. (Studio)
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and 1.25 p.m.—Interlude.	7.00 p.m.—"Musical Lovers Hour"—Classical Request Programme Presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio)
1.30 p.m.—Music for You.	7.40 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
	8.15 p.m.—Jay Wilbur and His String Ensemble.
	8.30 p.m.—Vocal Recital by Lila Vincent (Contralto) with Piano accompaniment by Betty Brown. (Studio)
	8.45 p.m.—Piano: Ballade, Op. 19.... Mme Marguerite Long (Piano) with Orch.
	9.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)
	9.10 p.m.—"Hong Kong Dances To".... Eddie Guman and His Orchestra from the Ritz Ballroom. Vocal: Cora Baller.
	9.45 p.m.—"The Detective in Fiction" Read by Clifford Davies. (Studio)
	10.05 p.m.—A Short Programme of the Music of Debussy.
	10.20 p.m.—"Composer Cavalcade" Hans May...Featuring Flora Asche, George Armitage, Dick James and Anton and His Orch. (O.R.B.)
	11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
	11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

NO VOTE YET ON ERP FUNDS

Washington, April 7.

Senate Administration leaders won all tests yesterday in their fight against major changes in the US\$5,500,000,000 bill for European recovery, but failed to get to a final vote.
The Senators will today resume the debate which has been dragging on for 11 days. Nearly 20 amendments still await action.
At the House, meanwhile, the Appropriations Committee approved a bill carrying US\$110,000,000 in emergency funds for the Atomic Energy Commission and US\$43,000,000 for the Berlin airlift.
The death of Representative Andrew Somers, New York Democrat, however, prevented House action.—Associated Press.

Moscow, April 6.
Sweden will send Soviet Russia ball and roller bearings and other high-grade steel products in exchange for fertilisers, asbestos, lubricating oils and minerals, under a new Soviet-Swedish trade agreement, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, said today.—Reuter.

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WAR MIGHT LAST 20 YEARS, ROYALL SAYS

Switch In U.S. Naval Strategy

Washington, April 6. The Navy today announced that under its budget for the fiscal year 1950, it will keep a 400-ship fleet in the Atlantic and a 285-vessel armada in the Pacific. This represents no change in the number of heavy combat vessels in both fleets.

But in line with the post-war shift in strategy from the Pacific to the Atlantic, additional light combat vessels and destroyers will be placed along the Eastern seaboard. In addition, the new carrier, Oriskany, will be stationed in the Atlantic.

Because of the reduction of the 1950 budget, three carriers in the Pacific are placed on the inactive list. The compositions of the fleets are:

Aircraft carriers—six in the Atlantic and two in the Pacific. Light carriers and carrier escorts—eight in the Atlantic and three in the Pacific.

Battleships—One "Missouri" in the Atlantic. Cruisers—12 (Atlantic) and six (Pacific). Destroyers and destroyer escorts—117 (Atlantic), 53 (Pacific).

Auxiliaries—100 in the Atlantic and 12 in the Pacific. The Navy said that 16 destroyers are being transferred from the Pacific to the Atlantic fleet.—United Press.

THE COLORADO BEETLE

A campaign in Western Europe against the Colorado beetle, the greatest pest to potato crops, has started.

Dr. E. Wilkins, Chairman of the International Committee for Combating the Insect, said at the Ministry of Agriculture that the campaign will particularly affect France, Germany and the Low Countries.—Reuter.

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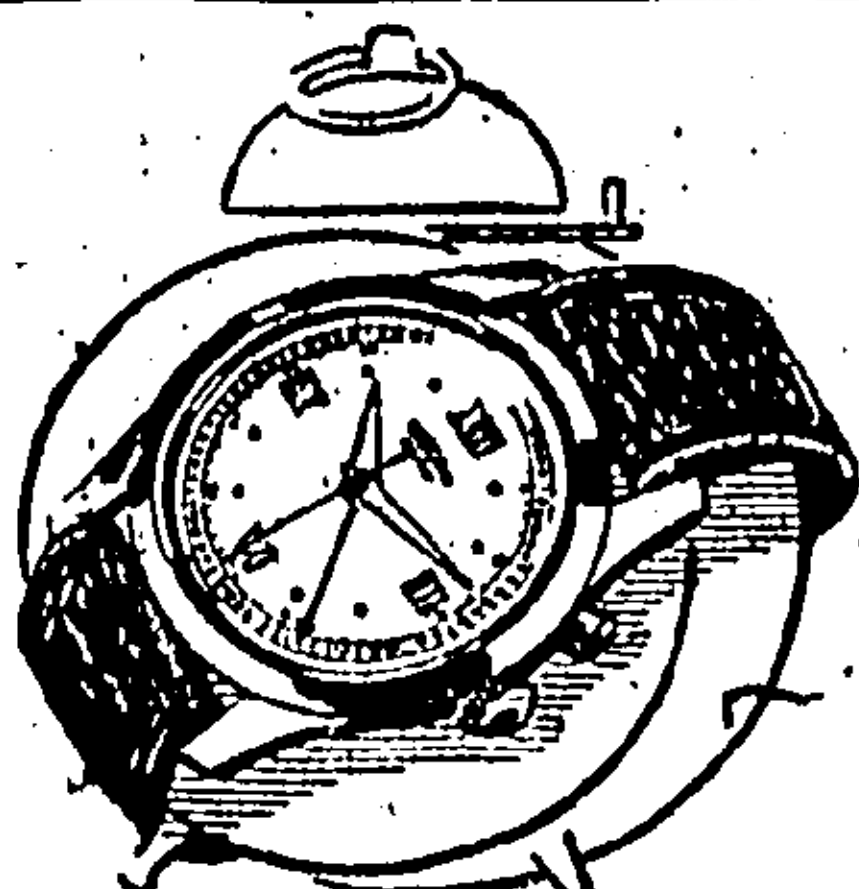
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Churchill "Ill-Starred Knight"

Moscow, April 6. A Soviet commentator, Zaslavsky, called Mr. Winston Churchill "this ill-starred knight of the gloomy countenance" in an article in "Pravda" today on the British war leader's address at Boston on Thursday night. Under the heading: "Churchill is ready for the fray," Zaslavsky said the former Premier had "again entertained curious Americans by having another fit of anti-Soviet hysteria."

"This time he made use of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology," Mr. Zaslavsky said, "to deliver a speech, said the commentator, had no bearing whatever on science or technology. Instead, Mr. Churchill used the Institute's rostrum 'as a hawk's stand for propagating the crusade against the Soviet Union,' Zaslavsky added.—Reuter.

THEIR HONOUR VINDICATED

Montevideo, April 6. The Defence Minister, Francisco Frotiza, and Representative Antonio Amoroso fought a pistol duel today as a result of an exchange of insults in a Congressional debate last week.

The men exchanged two shots, both of which missed, and their seconds declared that the honour of the adversaries was vindicated.—United Press.

Russians Accuse Swedish Leaders

Moscow, April 6:

Russian propagandists today turned their guns on Sweden, with an attack on Swedish military leaders.

The "New Times" magazine said: "With American war planners paying increasing attention to Sweden, the Swedish authorities continue to proclaim neutrality but are doing nothing to prevent provocative speeches by the Swedish military leaders."

It listed Generals Nurdenschild, Svedlund and Jung, "who are not only insisting on an armaments race but are also demanding a universal tightening of military and technical connections with the West."

"The generals advocate military bases ready to serve the United States in the event of war. 'Swedish leaders have tied the country with the oppressive Marshall plan which is ruining Sweden economically and with-

War Will Break Out On Sunday!

Frankfurt, April 6.

According to one interpretation of the writings of a 16th Century French prognosticator, war will break out on Sunday and last four months, ending in victory for the West.

The German astrologist, Johannes Lang, who is a disciple of astrologist Nostradamus, said the predictions call for an outbreak in Greece.

Nostradamus' writings, generally vague and oblique to casual readers, contain infallible predictions when properly interpreted, according to his modern disciples.

Lang, who has devoted much of his life to interpreting the work of Nostradamus, said that Nostradamus also forecast, the failure of the Atlantic pact but offered a comforting prediction that the world would be renewed after this war and a complete new era will begin.

"Great Dictator" Lang said that the verse-like notes of the Lyons physician, who published his predictions under the title "Centuries", said that fighting which begins in Greece, will grow into a full scale conflict by April 17 or 21.

The prophet described the third world war like this, according to Lang:

It starts in Greece on April 10, 1949. A week or 10 days later a "great dictator" will attack Western Germany and push his troops through Holland, Belgium and Northern France to the Atlantic. Another column will head for the Pyrenees.—United Press.

Mr. Truman Would Use Bomb Again

Washington, April 6. President Truman said today that he would not hesitate to use the atomic bomb to preserve world peace, but hopes it will not be necessary.

The President told a group of Democratic Senators and Congressmen that he hopes the mutual defence pact into which the United States has entered since World War II will prevent another war and remove the reason for America to use its atomic weapons.

He led to discussion of the bomb by recalling that he had been President for only a few months when confronted with the decision whether the dread new weapon should be used against Japan.

He made the decision to use the bomb then because it would have saved the lives of at least 200,000 American troops and possibly twice that many of the enemy, he said.

Expressing the hope that he would not have to make such a decision again, the President said: "But if the welfare of the world and democratic nations of the world were at stake, I would not hesitate to make that decision again."

He told Congressmen: "The welfare of the world is our responsibility whether we like it or not."

He added: "We have offered to surrender the greatest weapon for the interest of mankind."—United Press.

Bridgeport, April 6.

After serving 22 years in the Royal Navy, during which he survived the Battle of River Plate, Battle of Matapan and the mining of a corvette off Benghazi, David Harris returned to the mines some weeks ago. Now he has been killed by a runaway tram.—Reuter.

Colonial Editor In Trouble

Valletta, April 6.

The English-language daily newspaper "Bulletin" suspended publication indefinitely today when its editor, Mr. James Scroey, said he was not disposed to deposit £200 at the Treasury in compliance with Malta's press laws.

The paper was suspended during the first four days of this month and Mr. Scroey fined £12 on charges of "reviling and insulting" Malta's Governor, Sir Francis Douglas.

When the "Bulletin" resumed publication yesterday, the police advised Mr. Scroey that this infringed the island's press law, which requires a £200 deposit for the publication of a previously suspended newspaper.

Today's issue of the paper carried a notice advising its readers of "non-publication from tomorrow." The edition said Mr. Scroey was not disposed to deposit the £200 and invited the public to demonstrate its support by subscribing this sum, the announcement added.

It also said that the "Bulletin's" commercial and other responsibilities would be assumed from tomorrow by "Il Poplu", a pre-war daily to be revived and edited by Mr. Scroey's son, Harold.

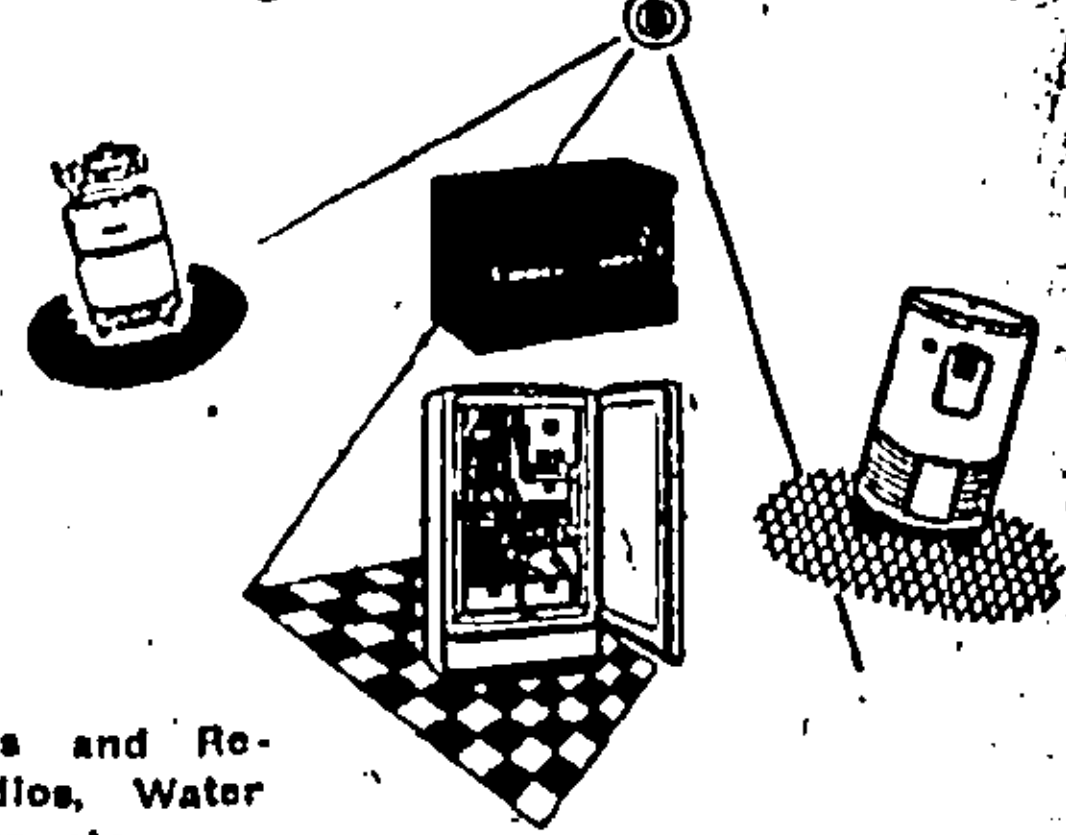
Mr. Scroey was convicted on charges arising out of a report on a University Council meeting, which was alleged to have brought the person of the Governor "into hatred and contempt."

The Malta Appeal Court upheld the conviction but quashed a sentence of eight days' imprisonment imposed on Mr. Scroey and reduced the fine of £40.

The suspension of the "Bulletin" was reduced from two months to four days.—Reuter.



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MINDSZENTY'S TRIAL TO GO BEFORE U.N.

Lake Success, April 6.
Eight of the 14 members of the United Nations Steering Committee today approved the inclusion of the trials of Cardinal Mindszenty and the Bulgarian pastors on the General Assembly agenda.

This ensures a majority in favour when the Committee votes on the two items.

The Committee adjourned until tomorrow after Belgium, Britain, Canada, France, Panama and the United States had voiced their support of the two items. The Polish delegate opposed them.

Bolivia asked for the inclusion of the Mindszenty trial and Austria for the Bulgarian trial. M. Julius Katz-Suchy, for Poland, declared that the United Nations was not competent to deal with the items which, he said, were entirely within the domestic jurisdiction of Hungary and Bulgaria.

M. Suchy described the suggested consideration of the trials as "a great violation of the Charter." The provisions of the Charter relating to domestic jurisdiction, he said, applied even more so in the present cases because Hungary and Bulgaria are not members of the United Nations.

M. Suchy argued that neither Hungary nor Bulgaria was legally bound by the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights. "By admitting the cases to the agenda, we would make it possible for this Organisation, which was built up for quite different purposes, to be used as an organ of intervention into domestic affairs," he added.

Dr. Herbert Evans (Australia) replied that the Assembly had undisputed authority under Article 35 of the Charter to discuss the matters. "You will find there," he said, "an express statement to the effect that the United Nations shall promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, colour or creed."

"The real question is whether these trials belong to criminal jurisdiction in the ordinary sense, or whether they were not simply pretended trials for another purpose,"—Reuter.

Leighorn, April 6.
The 27,000-ton United States Fleet aircraft carrier Philippine Sea, escorted by two destroyers, arrived here today on a five-day visit.—Reuter.

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The British light cruiser, Arethusa, is due to leave Falmouth for Portsmouth to become the Royal Navy's first "guinea pig" in a simulated atomic bomb test.

The Admiralty said that the 5,220-ton warship will be bombarded with deadly gamma rays at a distance off the South Coast of Britain to find out how much radio-activity the vessel can withstand. The date for the test has not yet been announced.—United Press.

The Navy's Prize Money

London, April 6.
When asked in the House of Commons this afternoon about arrangements for the distribution of prize money and the issue of medals and campaign stars for the Royal Navy, the Admiralty said that it is expected the necessary forms will be printed and the Admiralty ready to deal with claims in the next two months.

Applications from serving officers and men will be dealt with through normal channels, and the distribution of prize money, medals and campaign stars will begin shortly after receipt of the first applications. Application forms for ex-service officers and men and next of kin of those who died will be made available at Post Offices. Prize money will not be subject to income tax.—Reuter.

INJURED ENVOY

Southampton, April 7.
The United States Ambassador, Lewis Douglas, who injured his left eye in a fishing accident, was reported yesterday to be resting fairly well and in good spirits. A spokesman for the Southampton eye hospital said the seriousness of the injury cannot be determined until an examination today when the bandages will be removed.—Associated Press.

HELSINKI ACCUSED OF BREAKING PACT WITH SOVIET UNION

Moscow, April 6.
The Government organ, "Izvestia," today accused Finland of violating the pact of friendship, collaboration and mutual assistance signed a year ago.

An anniversary comment by "Izvestia" renewed a series of attacks on Finland by the Soviet organ. Attacks have been made periodically since the Finnish elections last year, in which the Communists lost ground.

The alleged treaty violations by Finland as listed in an "Izvestia" editorial included the resumption of illegal activity of disbanded pro-Fascist and militarised organisations, disguised as rifle and other societies, reduction of prison terms of war criminals and organisers of criminal war conspiracy and anti-Democratic, anti-Soviet propaganda.

It said: "Political adventures and members of disbanded pro-Fascist organisations are still dreaming of a return to hold the notorious unpopular policy of dark adventures. They try to utilise the survival of distrust between the Soviet and Finnish peoples."

"These sinister forces of Finnish reaction are trying to reactivate and find support among the Anglo-American warmongers and their partisans in Finland's responsible quarters. They do not hesitate to betray Finland's national interests."

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"The people of the Soviet Union are prepared to continue

all possible improvement for good neighbourly relations in accordance with the pact of friendship. The Soviet Union is doing its utmost to implement the pact which is based on equality and mutual respect and is consistent with the United Nations Charter."

In Helsinki, the Finnish Premier, K. A. Fagerholm, yesterday described the Finnish-Soviet friendship pact as a "safe anchor confirming the right of Finland to an independent existence as well as her obligations as an independent state and a neighbour of the Soviet Union."

Speaking at an outdoor meeting in Helsinki on the first anniversary of the pact, Mr. Fagerholm said: "The friendship treaty with the Soviet Union has in no way changed the chances of our people to lead its own life in conformity with its form of society and its ideals."

"The treaty also explicitly taken account of Finland's endeavour to keep out of the clashes between big power interests," the Finnish Premier continued.

He said that in concluding the pact the Soviet Union had contented itself with proposals which the Finns had considered acceptable.

He recalled the word of Marshal Josef Stalin that the pact had been concluded between two countries on an entirely equal footing, and declared that the past year has dispelled the apprehensions which had arisen among the Finnish people before and during the negotiations.—United Press and Associated Press.

GREECE ACCUSES ALBANIA

London, April 6.
Athens Radio bluntly accused Albania today of complicity in the latest guerrilla activities in North West Greece and said full details had been sent to the respective Allied Governments.

Athens Radio said: "The undisputed incursion from Albanian territory as well as the attack against the Greek positions by handbills in the region of Mount Grammos have been the object of careful examination on the part of the Government. Details, proving that there is no doubt that this attack was launched from Albanian territory without any effort to disguise it, are already in possession of the Greek Government."

"It has likewise been proved that the bandit forces which attacked the Greek Government positions were facilitated by the Albanian frontier guards who also did not make the slightest effort to conceal their hostile attitude against the Greeks."

The Radio said the Greek Foreign Ministry had also sent full details and proof of the alleged Albanian complicity to the United Nations Special Balkans Commission.

The "Free Greek" Radio to-night denied the charges.

The Radio said the charges were made to conceal the Government's defeats in the Grammos area and to justify "imperialist armed intervention in Greece."

The Greek General Staff claimed tonight that the rebels had been cleared out of the area of the South Sarrandporos River, which flows North West from the Grammos mountains to an outlet on the Albanian Adriatic coast.

A communique said important heights had been recaptured from the rebels.—Reuter.

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N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, April 7.

The stock market made little headway—either up or down—yesterday. Most stocks coasted along at slightly lower levels, but highly selective buying raised some issues to new highs for the year.

Gold and utilities were among the most favoured. Transfers totalled 630,000 shares.

Among gainers were Dome Mines, McIntyre Porcupine, Western Union, Consolidated Edison, Consolidated Natural Gas, Commonwealth and Southern, Richmond Oil.

Stumblers included Philco, Douglas Aircraft, United Aircraft, American Woolen, American Airlines, Warren Petroleum, Consolidated Vultee.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 63.82; 20 Industrials 37.79; 15 Rails 48.54; 10 Utilities 35.80.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 18 1/2; Alaska 34 1/2; American Can 30 1/2; American Smelting 47; American Telephone 15 1/2; American Tobacco 68 1/2; American Waterworks 7 1/2; Anaconda Copper 30 1/2; Aviation Corporation 6 1/2; Baldwin Locomotive 11 1/2; Barnhart 44 1/2; Bell Telephone 25 1/2; Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2; Boeing Aircraft 24; Borden Co. 49; Canadian Pacific 12 1/2; J. I. Case 34; Chrysler 61 1/2; Colgate 32 1/2; Commercial Solvents 17 1/2; Corn Products 63 1/2; Du Pont 193; Eastman Kodak 46 1/2; Electric Light & Power 23 1/2; General Electric 37; General Motors 68 1/2; Goodyear 62 1/2; Goodyear 62 1/2; Homestead Mining 40 1/2; International Harvester 24 1/2; International Paper 48 1/2; International Tel. & Tel. 10 1/2; Johns-Manville 34 1/2; Kennecott Copper 43 1/2; Montgomery Ward 50 1/2; National Distillers 10 1/2; National Lead 28 1/2; New York Central 11 1/2; Packard Motors 5 1/2; Pan-American Airways 10 1/2; Pennsylvania RR 16 1/2; Radio Corporation 12 1/2; Republic Steel 28 1/2; Reynolds Tobacco 30 1/2; Schenley 25 1/2; Sears Roebuck 37 1/2; Shell Oil 35 1/2; Sweeney Vacuum 16 1/2; Southern Pacific 41 1/2; Standard Brands 18 1/2; Standard Oil of N.J. 63 1/2; Standard Oil of Ind. 68 1/2; Studebaker 18 1/2; Union Bag 28 1/2; Union Carbide 37 1/2; US Rubber 32 1/2; US Steel 12 1/2; Westinghouse 23 1/2; General Public Utilities 13 1/2; Associated Press.

Gold Bullion For China

Shanghai, April 7.

Approximately 2,000,000 ounces of United States gold bullion is to be flown to China as an aid in battling inflation, a Central Bank spokesman said.

The spokesman said the gold was purchased a year ago by Tzu Yee-pai, former Governor of the Central Bank.

The Central Bank has been dumping gold on the market in an effort to halt inflation in money.—Associated Press.

Money Market

Gold fell back to HK\$14.50 a ton yesterday afternoon, after it had opened at \$17.75. Later it went up again, closing at \$16.50.

US dollars opened at HK\$5.29 and closed at \$5.28.

Gold Yuan transactions were booked at HK\$2.05 and \$1.05 for 10,000 in Hong Kong; \$1.55 for remittances to Canton; and \$1.87 1/2 and \$1.38 for remittances to Shanghai.

Piastres opened at HK\$8.97 1/2 a 100 and closed at \$8.90.

Ticals were easier at HK\$24 a 100 in the morning but recovered to \$24.10 in the afternoon.

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Storling rose from HK\$16.50 in the morning to \$16.70 in the afternoon.

Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$13.

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